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Defeats Censure Motion

London, Feb. 20. Britain's Labour Government tonight defeated by seven votes the fourth Conservative attempt to unseat it in a fortnight.

It received 302 votes against 295 when the House of Commons approved a bill authorising the Government to write off a £30,000,000 loss on the East African groundnuts scheme and carry on with a revised £6,000,000 project.

The bill also authorises the Government to cut the development of groundnuts drastically and pass responsibility from the Food Ministry to the Colonial Office.

The three previous confidence votes won by the Government were on meat, steel and defence policy.

The Liberals voted against the Government tonight. Voting was on a Conservative amendment, moved by Mr Harry Crookshank, refusing to agree to carry on the scheme without an impartial inquiry.

22 SHIPWRECKED SEAMEN RESCUED

The Hague, Feb. 20. Dutch steamer Winterswijk has picked up 22 men of the crew of the Norwegian steamer Marga (1595 tons) reported to be sinking 80 miles south-west of Brest, according to a radio message received here tonight.

The Norwegian steamer Ljona, which also went to the Marga's aid, has picked up one member of the sinking ship's crew.—Reuter.

PRICE OF STEEL GOES UP

London, Feb. 20. Prices of iron and steel were announced today—five days after the industry came under State control.

The new prices apply from tomorrow, the Ministry of Supply announced. The increases, which were expected, are mainly due to rises in the cost of coal and coke.

Examples of the increases are basic pig iron up from £10.11s. 6d. a ton to £10.18s. 6d. and cold rolled steel strip up from £23.3s. 6d. to £23.12s. 6d.—Reuter.

Six Men Run Amok

Manila, Feb. 21. Six friends ran amok in Northern Mindanao yesterday. Reports to Manila newspapers said their bolos and the evening bullets of police killed six persons and wounded 17.

News correspondents at Cagayan City, Misamis Oriental Province, reported the men started out early yesterday morning, bolos in hand, in a nearby village.

Four of the six were brothers.

They took three women with them by force.

They entered houses and sliced at the occupants—some asleep.

Along a mile of national highway, correspondents reported they attacked everyone in sight.

Correspondents said their bolos killed one man and wounded 15 persons, including small children.

Police bullets killed three of the men and two of the women with them. They wounded another of the amoks and the third woman.

Mariano Ompoe, alleged by the police to be the leader of the gang surrendered after the battle.—Associated Press.

Miners Entombed

Charleroi, Feb. 20. Rescue workers are struggling tonight to reach five miners cut off by a cave-in at a pit near here earlier today.—Reuter.

PRELIMINARY PARLEYS

Washington, Feb. 20.

The United States is considering a formal defence alliance with Australia and New Zealand as a start toward a broad Pacific pact modelled after the North Atlantic Defence Treaty.

Britain, France and Portugal would be excluded, however, under present planning because of their "colonial" background.

A triangular defence arrangement with Australia and New Zealand is now being discussed, it was learned, by Mr John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State Dean Acheson's Republican foreign policy adviser.

Mr Dulles, who is now touring the Pacific, already has talked this possibility over with General Douglas MacArthur and Prime Minister Yoshida in Japan and with the Australian and New Zealand Foreign Ministers at a joint meeting at Canberra, Australia. He is at present in New Zealand to discuss the broad problems of security in the Pacific and the Japanese peace treaty with New Zealand Prime Minister Mr Sidney G. Holland.

The idea of an Australian-New Zealand-United States pact is reported to have Mr Holland's warm support. He discussed such a defensive arrangement with Mr Acheson here early this month.

Officials emphasised all talks so far are in the preliminary stage and no clear-cut formula for action has emerged.

ALTERNATIVE MOVES

Several other alternative moves toward a Pacific defence setup are also being considered. At least one of these would add the Philippines as a founding member along with New Zealand, Australia and the US.

But at present the US is opposed to allowing Britain, France or Portugal to join. American officials believe that because of their tradition of colonialism in the Far East, their membership might be unpopular among the newly independent peoples which might join the pact later.

Although the membership would be limited to start, the

aim would be to welcome additional countries later, if they want to join.

Britain, France and Portugal are allies of the United States in the 12-nation Atlantic Pact. These nations also have island possessions in the Pacific which give them a direct interest in the area along with ties on the Asiatic mainland such as French Indo-China and British Malaya.

All pacts now being discussed are patterned after the North Atlantic Treaty which pledges each member country to aid any other member which is attacked.

Japan's role in any Pacific defence arrangement is uncertain at the moment along with such countries as Indonesia, Thailand, Burma and India. China. All these countries presumably would be interested in security guarantees against Communist aggression.

The State Department's view, at least, is to move slowly, starting with a small membership and expanding later as conditions permit. This go-slow policy stems from a belief that the nations of the area have fewer common links than the North Atlantic countries.

JAPAN'S SAFETY

The fear of Japanese rearmament is influencing decisions on whether to include that nation. Some American officials believe that Japan's safety in the immediate future can be guaranteed by the US under a strictly Japanese-American agreement permitting American troops to remain on the Japanese mainland at select bases even after a treaty is signed.

Mr Dulles, in a joint statement with the Australian Foreign Minister, Mr Percy C. Spender, and the New Zealand Foreign Minister, Mr Frederick W. Doidge, said on Sunday at Canberra:

"No proposals of any character to rearm Japan were discussed or considered. The resurgence of the old Japanese militarism would be a disaster." Officials stressed the US has put forward no concrete proposal in writing yet. Most of the ideas being discussed, they said, come from nations in the

Britain And Jap Treaty

London, Feb. 20. The time is coming when the British view on the terms of the Japanese peace treaty must be put forward, says The Times today.

Britain has her own particular difficulties especially in commercial matters which will need adjusting with a free Japan, the newspaper says. It will strengthen ties between Japan and the Western Powers if general outlines of the American peace plan are accepted by many members of the Far Eastern Commission as possible especially as the Soviet Union and China are now denouncing the American proposals as an insidious plot to make a "rearmament Japan" a base for "American aggression" in the Far East.

"For some time the United States will discourage Japan from entering into commercial relations with Communist China," The Times continues. "Japan must thus seek elsewhere markets upon which her livelihood will depend. Several of the help here the United States may think it good policy to grant their support in a settlement that is now being explored."—Our Own Correspondent.

area who are interested in a defence pact. Australia and New Zealand were reported to be taking the lead in discussions thus far. The American attitude, however, undoubtedly will be decisive in present talks since the Pacific nations have stressed they want the United States as a charter member.—Associated Press.

Russia Expected To Agree To Big Four Conference

London, Feb. 20.

British and French Government quarters were confident last night that Russia would accept—possibly with some reservations—the West's invitation for a preliminary four-power meeting in Paris on March 5.

British and French diplomats believed that the Russians, having originated the idea of another four-power parley, are not likely to back out now despite the latest blast against the West by Marshal Stalin in his week-end interview with Pravda.

But Russia was expected to raise objections against the selection of Washington as a meeting place for the Big Four Foreign Ministers after the deputies agreed on an agenda in Paris.

The Russians are expected to insist in their reply to the New Western note that the choice of the site for the Foreign Ministers' conference be left for decision to the deputies when they meet in Paris.

Western diplomats were looking forward to the new four-power meeting with a new feeling of confidence.

For the first time since the war, the West will be able to sit across from Russia with the full knowledge that its military might is on the increase and that the Western nations are united in their determination to resist aggression.

In their preliminary discussions in Washington, the Western powers were understood to have worked out a clearly defined concept of a joint approach to the new talks with Moscow.

THE REAL ROOTS

They have agreed to make it clear before the world that the real roots of the current East-West tension are the unbalanced Soviet and Communist charges of alleged unilateral Western rearmament.

One source said: "Now that we have agreed to talk with the Russians, we want to talk frankly about all problems that trouble the world and Russia, if sincere, will be able to prove her designs."

It was evident that the Democrats would insist on a review of the balance of strength with Russia and of the unilateral steps taken by Russia and her satellites to build up military power while the West disarmed.

What the Western diplomats are hoping against is that Russia does not agree to a deputies' meeting only with the idea of turning the Paris session into a propaganda forum.—United Press.

WASHINGTON VENUE

London, Feb. 20. A Foreign Office spokesman today denied reports that the Western Powers were willing to compromise on London as the scene of the projected Big Four conference, although Washington is proposed in the

Envoy Leaves For North



The newly-appointed British Charge d'Affaires to Peking, Mr Lionel H. Lamb left this morning for Tientsin by the Butterfield and Swire vessel ss. Hanyang.

Present at his departure were Mr G. W. Aldington, United Kingdom Political Adviser to the Hongkong Government, Mr Jock Murray the PRO and the Governor's ADC.

The above picture shows Mr Aldington (left) saying goodbye to Mr Lamb.—Staff Photographer.

Korean War Front

British Troops Advance

Tokyo, Feb. 21.

British forces advanced to positions on a level with Seoul at two points from the South Korean capital yesterday in what appears to be a United Nations effort to strangle the ghost city from two sides.

On the north-west side United Nations troops have pushed into Kimpo peninsula far above Seoul.

Along Seoul's immediate perimeter, the Communists continued sporadic fire from every kind of weapon including artillery, tanks, self-propelled mortars, automatics and small arms.

A half-hour-long Allied artillery barrage directed by fires shattered the quiet east-south-east from Seoul where a Communist platoon was discovered shortly before midnight. It was crawling toward the United Nations' lines. Further to the east, a United Nations patrol attempted to wade across the Han, but was forced to withdraw.—Reuter.

BACK ON THE HAN RIVER

(From Cyril Aynsley)

On the Banks of the Han River, Feb. 20.

British troops to-day found themselves again three weeks ago they never expected to be again—at the River Han.

The last few days has been a swift move forward in this sector. Hill 327 was the chief stumbling block but after they dealt with it the enemy decided on discretion before valour.

Today British troops found themselves in the little burnt-out village of Punwon-ni, having moved up against meagre opposition. The platoon cautiously crossed a paddy field to the Korean village huddling against the foot of the mountain and encountering only desultory machine-gun fire from an occasional gully.

This morning the Koreans brought out their national flag to greet the British troops. They did the same when an armoured column passed through but when the column retired again for the night they were quick to take the flag in again. This afternoon they showed more confidence when they "ripped" Chinese notices from their front doors.

But the villagers of Punwon-ni must be rather bewildered by all this coming and going. In the process they have lost much of a village left to call their own.—London Express Service.

Fuel Crisis Averted?

London, Feb. 20.

Britain's coal output and consumption figures have reached "a state of balance," the Fuel Ministry announced tonight.

If the weather does not worsen, and the efforts to save fuel are continued, and if output is maintained, there is now a reasonable hope that a widespread failure of fuel and power supplies can be avoided it was understood.

The output last week was 10,000 tons down, but consumption dropped 30,000 tons in the last week for which figures are available (ending Feb. 10).

Coal withdrawn from stocks between Feb. 3 and 10 was less than in any week since the beginning of November.—Reuter.

Rainfall Record In Britain

London, Feb. 20.

Rain over Britain today set a new record. Rivers and streams burst their banks at more places.

Rainfall so far this month at the Observatory at Kew, near London, has totalled 9.03 centimetres, the most ever recorded and compared with a normal of 2.79 centimetres.

Sir James Scott Watson, chief scientific adviser to the Ministry of Agriculture, said today that farm cultivation work is a month behind schedule because of the downpours.—Reuter.

PI BUDGET SLASHED

Manila, Feb. 21.

The House Appropriations Committee sliced President Elpidio Quirón's record 1951-52 budget from US\$300,000,000 to US\$241,000,000—but this did not change the amount of the government's expenditures.

The Committee decided to get the money for repayment of a budgetary loan to the United States and for matching funds for proposed United States economic aid in separate appropriation bills. The amount reduced from the budget but provided for in new bills is US\$59,000,000.—Associated Press.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Big Four Conference

THE French note to Russia on the subject of a Big Four conference, which incidentally represents also the views of Britain and the United States, possesses the qualities of being restrained and firm. It concedes that the future of Germany is the principal subject for consideration, but it is clear from the undertones that the Big Three are deeply preoccupied with other causes for the present dangerous tension in the international situation. One contributing factor mentioned in the French note is Russia's unwillingness to help draw up a peace treaty for Austria, but it can be taken for granted, though not specifically mentioned, that the Western Powers are just as much concerned about the military threats to Yugoslavia created very largely by the establishment of excessively big armies in Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and Rumania—all countries which have come under strong Soviet influence amounting almost to domination. Russian designs on Turkey are also highly suspect and there are growing signs that central Europe may be used

by the Soviet for a trial of strength. Unquestionably the Western Powers are satisfied through their intelligence services that Russia intends, sooner or later, to try and bring off a coup de force in Yugoslavia, and the latest report emanating from a Czechoslovak underground movement that Stalin has set April 15 as D Day for this operation must not be entirely discounted. In fact, Russian machinations in central and southeastern Europe, which probably envisage the use of Soviet satellites in those areas, offer as much cause for tension in international relations as does the Kremlin's hostile and obstructive attitude to the questions of Germany's future and world armaments. Realisation of this explains the insistence by the Big Three that any four power talks must be based on a comprehensive agenda which will enable discussion of primary causes for, as well as solutions to, the existing tension in relations between Russia and the West, which carries the threat of another global conflict.

A Rich Opportunity

GENERAL MacArthur's studied declaration on whether or not he would order another crossing of the 38th Parallel by United Nations forces is very much more welcome than his earlier statements on the subject. It is cause for some satisfaction that the General now recognises that there are strong political aspects to the issue which cannot be entirely overridden by military considerations. It is a matter for congratulation that General MacArthur and his field commander, General Ridgway, have succeeded in restoring very considerably the military situation in Korea. There is not the slightest hesitation in giving unstinted

credit to the UN forces and their leaders for achieving an important tactical victory in the field. The question arises whether the United Nations can now politically exploit and consolidate the situation, thus created. It is conceivable that this latest defeat suffered by the Chinese and North Korean Communists is sufficient to satisfy Peking that the time has arrived for bringing hostilities to a close and to meet the UN for negotiations on the lines laid down at Lake Success. A rich opportunity exists and one which the Peking Government would be wise to seize.

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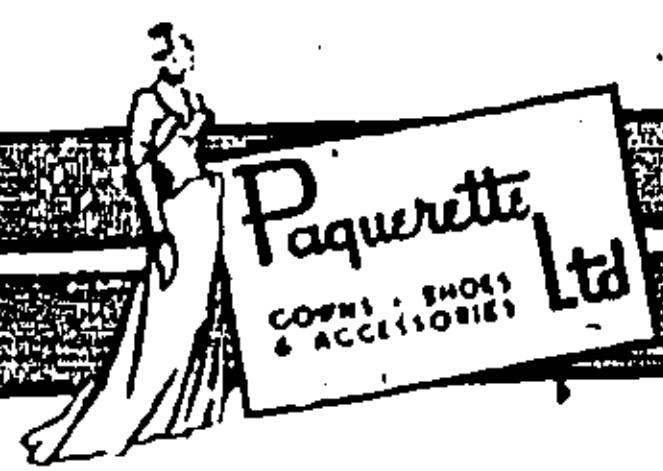
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Obtain A Natural Effect In Make-up

If make-up is to be worn during the day, apply it by daylight rather than by electric light, if possible. This way, you'll obtain a natural effect.

By HELEN FOLLETT

MAKE-UP should be applied in the lighting in which it is to be worn. During the day, take your magnifying mirror to a window and play with the flames in the beauty box. Observe the final effect in a full flood of bright daylight. If you do your complexion decorating under artificial light you may use much too much; and the eyes of the passing public may bespeak disapproval.

Make-up worn during the day must be natural in effect. The period of the stop-light blush and bright cherry lips has waned.

Tone them so the effect with delicate colours will be delicate and dainty. A dark-haired, dark-eyed lovely, wearing black, can get away with cosmetic boldness. If she has a creamy skin she can use a powder slightly darker, touch her cheeks with crimson, her lips to match. If she has a flare for eye shadows she must omit the factory blushes. The feminine face can stand just so much colouring and no more.

Make-up is intended to improve, ever so subtly and deli-

cately, your natural effect, not to give your face an entirely different colour scheme. It is a good thing to remember that almost all skins, except in rare instances, have a slight golden cast. Therefore rouge and lipstick of reds with a slight orange cast are likely to prove more glamorising than those of a purple tone.

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Decor Artist's Hobby Is Collecting Hands, Feet

COLLECTING — china ornaments, hands and feet is the unusual hobby of young Melbourne costume designer Ann Church.

She uses the ornaments as decorations in her studio. Ann has decorated the decor and costumes for the ballet Swan Lake, which will be seen in its entirety for the first time in Sydney on February 28.

She worked on the designs for weeks — under the "eyes" of Charles Laughton, Felix Topolski, Salvador

Dall and Sally Gilmore. The "eyes" are photograph cut-outs that hang on the walls of her workshop in her South Yarra home.

Collecting them is another of her hobbies. Ann, one of Australia's few women stage-designers, saw her first ballet when she was eight.

As part of the Jubilee Celebrations, the Arts Council of Australia is presenting the National Ballet Company for a two-week season at the Tivoli Theatre, Sydney.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Knarf Had a Good Question

—And Punch, of Course, Supplied the Answer—

By MAX TRELL

"WHY," Knarf the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, asked his friend Mr Punch, "are evergreen trees called evergreen trees?"

"Because," said Mr Punch, "they're ever green, that's why."

With that Mr Punch, after giving Knarf another look (as though he wondered why any body should ask such a simple question), pushed his spectacles back over his eyes and continued reading.

"But Mr Punch!"

"Yes?" said Mr Punch without looking up.

"Why are evergreen trees ever green?"

The Second Time

"You mean, Knarf, why don't the leaves of the ever green ever fall off? Why don't they turn brown and dry up like the leaves of, let's say, the oak, the maple and the elm trees?"

"That's just what I mean, Mr Punch!"

"I don't know," said Mr Punch. And he was about to push the spectacles down again when Knarf stopped him. "There must be some reason, Mr Punch!"

Mr Punch finally decided that there was no use trying to read until he had told Knarf all about why evergreen trees stayed ever green. So he turned, his book over, to his lip and began:

"Well, long long ago, Knarf, all the trees in the forest used to lose their leaves when winter came. The leaves grew brown and dry; and when the cold wind blew, they all fluttered off, and went dancing away good-neighbourly-wise. And the trees remained bare — bare branches, bare twigs.

"Now all the animals who lived in the forest looked at the bare leafless trees and they grow not only sad but frightened."

"Frightened?" said Knarf.

"Why were the animals frightened at the bare trees?"

"Because," said Mr Punch, "they thought that the trees would never grow leaves again."

They thought that winter was going to stay for ever. Then the animals all held a great meeting. They said that it was no use staying in the forest any more. The forest would never be green again. And do you know what the animals decided to do?"

"What?" asked Knarf.

"They decided to go away."

They said they would go away far, far away — until they could find a forest that was green. And they knew they would have to go South — farther than winter went, for winter never goes South. But they were reluctant to go. If they were to go, they would be sure that Spring would come again. If only they could be sure that the trees were not dead.

"Then the animals got ready to go. It was the wind who watched them as they gathered together at the edge of the forest. Then the wind went whistling off and came to rest, to catch his breath, on the slope of a hill. It would be a great pity," the wind said, "if all the animals went away. For what good is a forest without animals?" And then the wind looked at the slope of the hill and saw that

there were a clump of trees whose leaves he had not yet blown off. "Oh," said the wind, "I'll leave the leaves on those trees. I won't blow them off. I'll let those leaves stay on all winter long."

"And so," continued Mr Punch, "when the animals came to the slope of the hill and saw the trees that were still green even though all the other trees were bare, they knew that winter was not as bad as it seemed. And they stayed — and Spring came. And as a reward the wind never blew the leaves off the trees on the slope of the hill, and they remained ever green!"



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Rupert and the Blue Firework—8



Rupert walks on in the direction from which the warm wind came. "Hello, there's something queer," he mutters. He hurries forward and discovers a kind of blackened grass. In the middle is a curious round object pierced with many small holes and with a black hole in the middle.



With great excitement he saw that a number of little blue sparks were coming out of the holes. "The sparks are the magic," he cries, "but what on earth is it?" Suddenly a voice from behind makes him turn sharply. The strange man he has just met is looking at him in a very mysterious way.

DUMB BELLS



ARE YOU SURE THESE GOLF BALLS YOU FOUND WERE REALLY LOST?

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WOMEN were probably irritated because they probably didn't know what SW, WX, etc., meant. Let us help.

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"LOOK, Fred," said William "L. Strongbow, chief of the fire brigade, to Fred Wilberforce, intrapud young fireman "there seems to be a fire."

"Great heavens!" cried Fred. "I thought that bell might have been ringing for some interesting purpose!"

"Yes, indeed," replied his kindly chief. "That, as you shall soon learn, Fred, is one of the first signs of a conflagration. Now, Fred, he added in his well-modulated voice, "I need your help while I get up dear old fire engine out and give the brass a quick rub over. I wish you to catch the next 30a bus and slip along to let them know we are coming just as quickly as we can."

As one can imagine, Fred's heart beat more quickly at this exciting order from his beloved chief. With-out another word he flung off his coverlet, slipped into his bedroom slippers and hastened to the bathroom.

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BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

WE understand that the marks of women's clothing are about to be changed. This does not surprise us as much as it might have done had we previously known that such things existed.

Now, having faced the fact, we read with vague interest that "a pair these are symbols which have irritated so many women SW, WX, OS, and XOS will have vanished."

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WE understand that the marks of women's clothing are about to be changed. This does not surprise us as much as it might have done had we previously known that such things existed.

Now, having faced the fact, we read with vague interest that "a pair these are symbols which have irritated so many women SW, WX, OS, and XOS will have vanished."

Women were probably irritated because they probably didn't know what SW, WX, etc., meant. Let us help.

SW stands for Stupendous Width; W just means Wide, and the X in WX indicates that the figure is top-heavy, oval or X-shaped.

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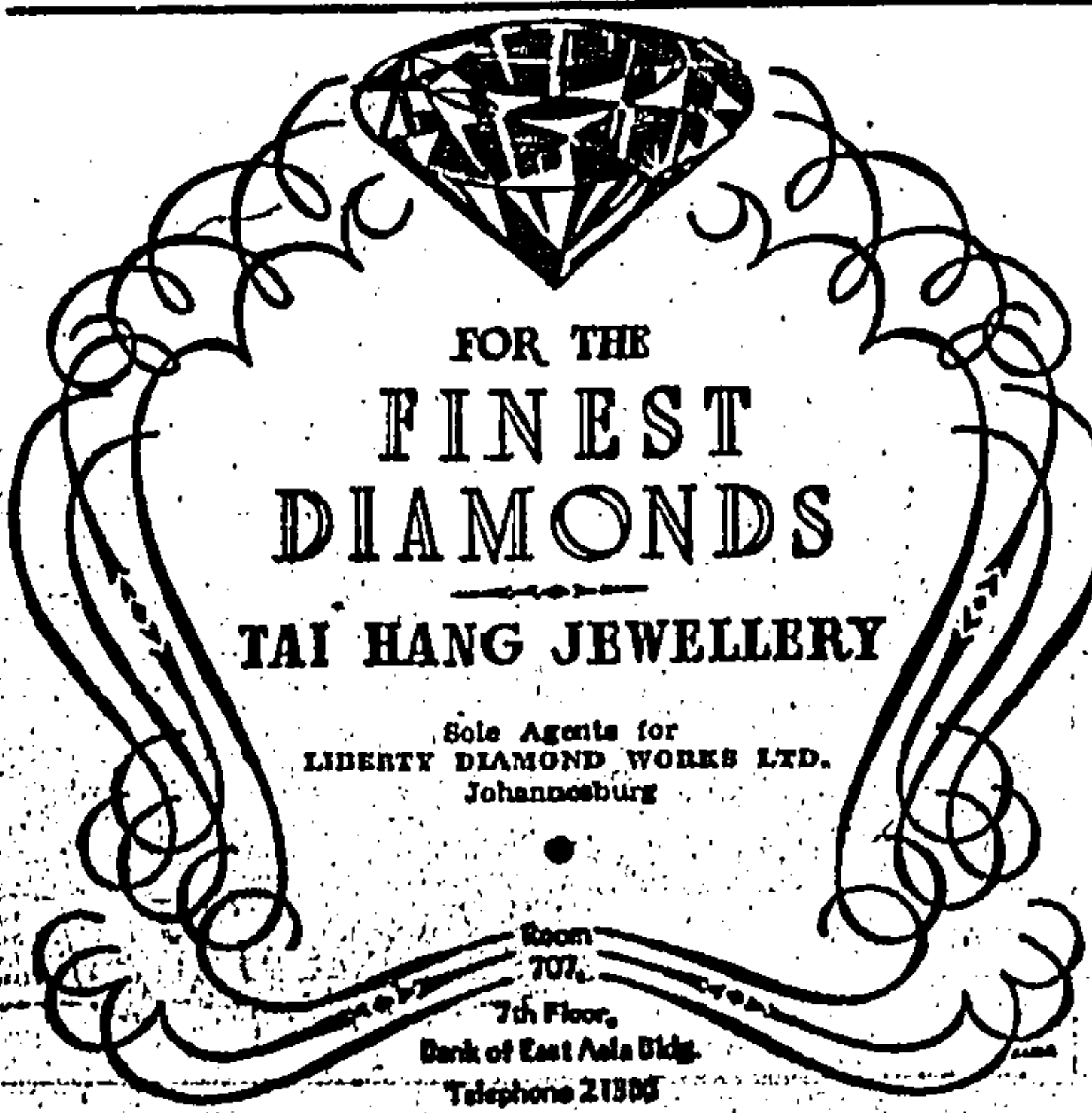
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Western Powers Face Decision Over Germany

By DAVID TEMPLE ROBERTS

THE Soviet Government's answers in the dialogue discussing the prospects of

a four-Power conference on Germany pose a problem in the three Western capitals.

The slow conversations began last November with the Soviet proposal of a four-Power conference confined to Germany. Since then the two succeeding Soviet notes have indicated substantial concessions and pointed the eagerness of Moscow to hold discussions "on the basis of the Potsdam Agreement" concerning the future of Germany and other problems as well. We can presume from Soviet diplomacy that the Kremlin is mainly anxious to have the Western Powers postpone plans for the rearmament of Germany.

The three Western Governments face a decision which they must take now, before the talks begin. They must decide whether there is any bargain emanating from the Kremlin that would persuade them to forgo the rearmament of Western Germany. If the Western Powers do not believe there is any offer the Russians can make which will deter them from rearming Western Germany, then they should find reason for not attending a renewed council of Foreign Ministers. There are several reasons available—including the flagrant build-up of satellite armies.

To go to the meeting and to turn down proposals offered by the Soviet Union that are, on the face of them, in accordance with Western democratic principle would be the worst possible way. It must be clear that if "The West" goes to a renewed conference on Germany and Austria it is seeking a settlement and anxious to find one. Otherwise, it will be the Soviet Union that will extract all the propaganda advantage from the lengthy manoeuvre.

THE PROBLEM

SO the problem should be presented now and answered at once. The British Cabinet spent a meeting discussing the issue recently. Comparable heart-searchings are doubtless in progress in Paris and Washington. Here is the problem. The Soviet Government may offer the unification of Germany on the political basis accepted by the West. There would be political liberty for all parties in Eastern Germany and, after an interim period, free elections. The conditions would be, on the Russian side, abandonment of plans to establish the "22 boosted brigades" for the Atlantic Pact and, on the Western side, the abandonment of the East German Security Police. Are the three Western Powers prepared to accept a bargain on those terms?

The Soviet Government would probably like to go even further and offer the withdrawal of Soviet forces in exchange for the withdrawal of Allied forces from Germany. We can be pretty certain that this second bargain would be unacceptable

in Washington, and probably in London. But as for the first expected proposition, some hard thinking has to be done now. If this is a bargain offered by the Russians, then it is presumably a bargain from which they calculate they will even get a gain. If the Western Allies accept the offer, then their acceptance implies confidence that the Soviet Union has miscalculated. They must be certain in mind that the bargain offered by the Russians would in the end be more profitable to the West.

EAST HINTS

FROM the point of view of propaganda, the Russians are making a point that will be most sympathetically heard in the West. There are so many doubts in Britain and France, in Belgium and Holland, about the wisdom and justice, and sense of rearming Western Germany (which inevitably means putting some Nazis back in command), that many will say automatically, "We should go to this conference and we should accept any Soviet bargain that reverses German rearmament as well in the East as in the Western Zones".

But there is a danger in not thinking this argument through its logical course and depending, instead, on emotion. It could be that we are asked to leave up great material strength for more verbal advantage. The programme as conceived in the Petersburg is that the German Army could number 130,000 men by the end of this year, and number half a million by the end of 1952. In 1953 the West German Army would be a really formidable force.

It may be that an unarmed Germany, unified with free elections, could be overthrown by a carefully prepared armed uprising, but this is surely doubtful unless the Russians can manoeuvre Allied forces out of the country. And is there not something surprising in the hints that have been put out by the leaders of the East German Republic—Herr Grotewohl, in particular? It is odd to hear of a Communist boss suggesting he should himself abandon absolute power in part of Germany in exchange for leadership of the Communist opposition in the whole of Germany—for that would undoubtedly be the result of the poll.

NEW PLAN

LOOKED at in that way Herr Grotewohl's conciliatory remarks seem suspicious. It can be explained that Communist leaders do the bidding of Moscow and that if Moscow had decided the East German Republic was not aiding the cause, it has ordered Herr Grotewohl to change his tune just as he is doing.

But then we must presume Moscow has found a new world plan—conciliation in the West, and the onward march in the East. Such matters carry us into the realm of astrological speculation far from the subject under discussion, which is a very hardheaded and practical

consideration of a bargain that may be offered next month and to which the three Western nations should prepare a concerted attitude in advance.

The attitude of the Germans themselves is difficult to arrive at. One of the most reliable reporters in Germany, Mr. Georges Penchenier of Le Monde, reported from Berlin recently that the Berliner was becoming more interested in the outcome of negotiations between East and West. The German was inclined to ask what he had to lose in adopting the political and military system that has existed in Austria for six years. For in Austria military occupation continues, but there is a central and freely elected Austrian government, the Army police operate within the Soviet zone of Austria, but there is no equivalent to the oppressive East German Government.

MORAL FORCE

THIS reporter emphasised that the attitude of the Western German politician at Bonn, of any political party, did not necessarily coincide with the current general German point of view.

The advantage of reaching a temporary settlement with the Soviet Union on the matter of Germany can only be based on an assumption that the Western Powers have a moral force that will weigh with Germany, and that furthermore the Russians have underestimated this moral force. We must be convinced that there is an ideological consistency between Germans and Western Europeans that will, in the end, outweigh all evil, nationalist or commercial temptations from the East.

It is possible to argue that the West has this advantage so long as it refrains from rearmament. Germany. Once a German army is made—whether it is for the whole country or for the two-thirds now in Western hands—it will have a de facto sovereignty of its own that cannot be gainsaid. As in the Weimar period, Germany would be governed by the generals of the "Black Reichswehr." And Democracy will go down the drain. Such a regime might find its allies with Moscow.

BETTER HEART

AND it can be argued, too, that once the rearmament of Western Germany is forgotten the countries of Western Europe will be in better heart to defend themselves.

But the supreme argument for going into these negotiations, which certainly ought to be allowed to open in Paris as soon as possible, is that for the first time for five years the Russians want to negotiate so much that they are willing to make preliminary concessions. This fact in itself means that the Western Powers—if they can agree, all three—would go to the conference with some demands of Russia in exchange for concessions, that may in the end turn out to be to our moral advantage. The fact that the Russians want this conference, should not make the United States afraid of going. Rather, it should make the United States aware that, for the first time in five years, it now has a strong bargaining position in Europe and that therefore it should go to the conference expecting good to come of it.

Sitting On The Fence

By . . . Nathaniel Gubbins

"When I was 20 I wondered why girls were interested only in men, films and clothes. Now I am 30, despite intellectual abilities and love of beauty, I am completely alone."—Letter to an editor.

I ASKED him what he thought of Brahms. He said "I couldn't say."

I asked him what his interests were.

His favourite poem, play, I asked him what his reading was.

Good fiction? Economics? He said he liked Wild Western tales.

And picture paper comics. I took him to a concert once. A symphony in F.

He wriggled on his seat and coughed.

And said it made him deaf. I dragged him to the opera, too.

But when the tenor sang He said, "What's this? A comic turn?"

"Why not the Crazy Gang?" I walked him in the country lanes.

To smell the sweet wild flowers.

Of birds and beasts and herbs and trees.

I talked for hours and hours. He clasped my waist and kissed my hair.

And called me names most dear.

I said "I'm not that kind of girl."

He said, "Let's have a beer."

The girl he married has no brains.

She's never heard of Brahms. But she has "oomph" and she has "liu."

And she has rounded arms. Her empty head is shining gold. Her rounded arms are filled with all the love this clever girl.

With empty arms has killed.

with an iron ball.

Splendid.

I said a good-length ball was one pitched on a mine laid overnight by an under-privileged and starving groundman. Then things got rather beastly.

Beastly, Carraway?

They thought a maiden over was a sort of cricket's sweet-heart. Over to you, so to speak. So they tried to bribe me to play for the Moscow Dynamics.

What sort of bribe, Carraway?

Well, they offered me all the wine I wanted and all the... well, all the...

What, Carraway?

All the girls I wanted.

Good heavens, Carraway. You refused, of course?

Naturally, Russian wine is even worse than the beer in the pavilion.

It's your money

The Chancellor of the Exchequer has announced the issue of new Savings Certificates at the rate of 10s. 6d. in the pound.

After Kipling's "The Flowers"

BUY my new certificates. Only fifteen bob.

Tax free interest three per cent. Bless me, they're the job.

If in ten years' time from now You've survived the flu

Threepence over twenty bob All for lucky you.

Gaitskell, from his counting house,

Whistles "Lead to me 'Money for new battleplans 'Warships going to sea."

When you've paid your income tax

See what you've put by. Have no doubt, draw it out. And kiss your dough goodbye.

Buy my new certificates. You who will not turn. Squeeze another fifteen bob. Little though you earn; After paying purchase tax

Feeling you've been done Threepence over twenty bob In nineteen-sixty-one.

Buy my new certificates. Inflation's getting high. Soon there'll be in empty shops

Nothing else to buy: Save it up for '61. Mother in the queue

Five and threepence profit then All for lucky you.

(London Express Service)

Well played, Sir

ACCORDING to a correspondent in a local paper, there is still among us a tiny band of the faithful convinced that if only foreigners would play cricket the menace of war would disappear from the world for ever.

Let us assume for a moment that the Russians have taken up cricket.

They want to learn more about the game, so they have kidnapped an English cricketer, handsome Jack Carraway, Oxford and England all-rounder, who has now escaped and is giving evidence before an astonished committee of the M.C.C.

What happened, old man?

Oh, the usual questioning. They wanted to know if I believed in the Atlantic Pact and if my father was a capitalist.

Damned impudence. What did you say?

I said I didn't know anything about the Atlantic Pact, but that my father, Lord Carraway, was a brutal millionaire, owning hundreds of black slaves.

Did they swallow it?

Hook, line, and sinker. Good-o. What else?

They wanted to know what a hat-trick was.

When a team had lost a match, ten numbers and one blank were shuffled in a hat. The member of the losing team who drew the blank was then shot before a howling mob of bloodthirsty aristocrats.

That's the stuff to give 'em. Go on.

I told them a leg break was when you broke a batsman's leg

POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



THE TREASURE CARAVAN ESCAPES DOWN ROAD OF GOLD

By RUSSELL SPURR

THE richest refugees in the world are on the run. A train of overladen mules, carrying a fantastic treasure, stumble over the roof of the world along the Road of Gold from Tibet to India.

The bulging mule packs contain fortunes in gold ingots, in precious stones set in heavy Tibetan platinum mountings,

in beautifully woven Lhasa carpets worth £50 a square inch and used for covering chairs.

After the wealthy come the monks, with the treasures of dozens of ancient monasteries. Their precious relics, carried in gold caskets beneath a huge, gilded umbrella, bring bystanders bowing to the dust as the cortege passes.

Behind come porters struggling under boxes of Holy Books (delicately painted on lacquered silver of bamboo), bejewelled prayer wheels and priceless hand-painted silk banners depicting Buddha and scenes from his life.

Last comes the Dalai across their land.

Lama himself. The 17-year-old priest-king rides in a gold and black lacquered palanquin surrounded by silk-robed nobles on prancing ponies.

A huge mule train loaded with bullion relics and sacred treasures, valued at more than one million sterling, winds behind him through flower-filled, pine-tinged valleys.

All around ride sharp-eyed soldiers in shaggy woollen jackets with gleaming new American rifles covering the trail in case of a surprise attack.

The Dalai Lama's retreat brought heading flight. Every one who could turned his face away from Tibet towards Yatsung and India.

The latest refugees are not wealthy. They are peasants and small traders who know little of the ugly Red shadow spreading westward.

But they fled before it as people are doing today all over Asia, carrying the same pitiful bundles and wearing the same beaten looks of blank bewilderment and despair.

The wealthy vanguard of this endless caravan is encamped near the Indian border town of Kalimpong.

Princess Metol of Sikkim, a buffer state between India and Tibet, told me:

"The Chumbi Valley was filled with little groups of people heading for India."

"The weather was cold though the sun was blazing. Many elderly folk were taken ill on the way."

"Our orders were to push on as fast as we could. It was the most gruelling ride of my life."

"The situation is extremely grim. The Chinese Foreign Minister Daza Surkang told me: 'We're still trying to make peace, but we hardly know where to begin.'"

The Dalai Lama's mother, known to Tibetans as "Mother," said: "We only want to live in peace. Is that too much to ask nowadays?"

"Millionaire wool trader Drung Yik never had faith in the Communists. 'The Chinese always wanted Tibet,' he said."

"Everyone acts through their talk of liberating the country. What they don't see are the Russian geologists and technicians accompanying the invading forces, prospecting for oil and uranium, preparing sites for airfields."

"We Tibetans feel that with so much at stake the free world might have done more to aid us, especially our old friends—the British."

COLONY LADIES' CHAMPION GIVEN HARDEST FIGHT IN POST-WAR SHUTTLE TOURNAY

By "ARGONAUT"

Miss Ulian Khoo, holder of the Colony Ladies' Singles Badminton title since the event was instituted in 1949, met her strongest challenge last night from 19-year old Miss Ivy Choong of Craigengower, when the Championships continued at the St. Teresa Badminton Hall.

In a gruelling three-set match that produced the highest standard of play ever seen in the Ladies' singles championship, the reigning champion just managed to annex the third set, which was incidentally the first that she was ever extended to, in the last two years.

The challenger gave one of the pluckiest displays in local badminton history, when in each of the three sets she came back fighting after trailing way behind.

In the first set she was down by 2-4, when she coolly pegged out with neat drop shots and trickling net flights to level up at 8-8. Nine changeovers of services were needed before the champion captured the three points for the first set, two with cross drops and the last point from an error in smashing by her opponent. In the second set, Ulian again jumped to an early lead of 4-1 and 6-2, scoring her points mainly from drop shots to the net. Undaunted, Ivy returned to the fray and countered her opponent's drop shots with perfect net-flights that crept just over the tape of the net.

Commonwealth XI In Holiday Mood Cricket

Kandy, Feb. 20.

The Commonwealth touring side were in holiday mood for the match with a strong Ceylon Central Province's XI which began here today.

Winning the toss they sent in the home side to bat on an easy paced wicket and met with early successes. But when rain delayed play for the day at the tea interval the home side had made 276 runs for nine wickets. Dooey had his opening batsmen in difficulties with his accurate bowling and was mainly responsible for four wickets falling before lunch for a mere 40 runs. He claimed three of them for 18 runs.

However, Paulett, one of the opening batsmen, found a partner who was equally stubborn. Weraipitiya and the pair took the score to 119 runs at lunch without further loss. Ridgway broke the partnership after it had added 94 runs and taken the score to 134 runs by bowling Weraipitiya. Ridgway then quickly claimed two further wickets. He dismissed Paulett, who made a gallant 58 runs, which included six fours and another batsman at the same total of 145 runs.

Burns came to the rescue of the home side by knocking up a fast 54 runs, which included eight fours. He put on 64 runs with Izzadeen for the eighth wicket and 62 runs with Rutliff for the ninth wicket.

Ridgway's final analysis for the day was four wickets for 89 runs while Dooey claimed three wickets for 35 runs. George Duckworth, former England and Lancashire wicket-keeper and manager of the touring side, took up his old role for the first time on the tour. The scorecard showed 20 extras.—Reuter.

Public Co-Operation Will Facilitate Tote System

A further 23 ticket issuing machines for use under the Totalisator System inaugurated by the Hongkong Jockey Club are on order and these should be delivered and installed before the Eastern Race Meeting.

When the additional machines are included in the system, the Stewards and Club officials are confident that members and the public will be able to place all their bets in comparative comfort.

In the meantime, the co-operation of the public in observing the following points in connection with the placing of bets will do much to expedite the sale of tickets:

1.—In placing bets FIRST state the amount of bet and SECOND state Win or Place and the Pony Number at the same time thus:

\$25 PLACE 11
\$50 WIN 4

For the convenience of investors and in order to assist ticket sellers, Betting Slips are provided at the end of each race book and these may be used at will, but prepare them beforehand and do not fill in these forms at the Betting Counter.

2.—Provide and have ready the EXACT amount in Cash required for the bets to be placed. According to the Rules, no change shall be given, although change has been given in the past, it is obviously necessary now to enforce the Rule to save the ticket seller's time and speed up the sale of tickets.

3.—When investors are placing bets of \$100 or over they should provide themselves with large denomination notes which may, if necessary, be obtained at the Money Changers Booths.

In three services, she chalked up seven points to take the lead of 8-0, and after conceding one point to a drop shot by Ulian, Ivy raced through the second set with three points on her next service. Her ninth point came from a well-executed return to the baseline to Ulian's smash, her tenth from a fore-hand cross net flight and set point from a crisp fore-hand cross drop.

CRACKED UP
Aided by three cord shots and two overhits by her opponent, Ulian took a commanding 5-1 lead in the final set, and went on to 6-3. Again the young challenger came back to level up at 6-6. A good drive by Ulian to Ivy's backhand put her again in the lead at 7-6, and her next good service was misjudged by Ivy to give her a further lead of 8-6. At this stage, Craigengower's player cracked up to lapse into three net drop errors that cost her the set, match and what would have otherwise been one of the greatest upsets in local badminton. For the champion it was a deserving win on the night's form. Her slight superiority in hard hitting and speed stood her in good stead against an opponent who was the neater in strokes.

In the Men's games, the best performance was put up by the two University pairs of K. H. Chin and N. K. Chin and Francis Lee and F. W. Kwong. Both pairs hit a lightning pace from beginning to end, taking their shots well above the shoulders and countering smashes for smashes. Although they lost the first set by 11-15, the greater steadiness of the second seeded Chin combination and their harder and more accurate smashes carried them through the second and third sets by 15-7 and 15-6.

THE RESULTS
Junior Men's Singles:—Hooi Seng-tuck beat Buddy Arculli 15-11, 15-1.
Junior Men's Doubles:—C. C. Wong & D. Yeh beat W. A. Darkin & M. Sargent 15-7, 15-8.

Ladies' Singles:—Miss Ulian Khoo beat Miss Ivy Choong 11-7, 11-6.
Junior Men's Doubles:—S. G. Brown & M. Kempton beat J. A. Motta & J. Yvanovitch 15-7, 15-2, 17-15.

Ladies' Doubles:—Mrs. J. A. Soares & Miss Gloria Silva beat Mrs. Elvie Tsok & Miss Helen Kwong (w.o.).

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TONIGHT'S GAMES
At Recreation
7.30 p.m. Junior Men's Singles:—M. T. Lam v C. C. Wong.
8.00 p.m. Junior Mixed Doubles:—J. A. Motta & Mrs. A. Soares v J. B. Pomeroy Jr. & Miss M. Arnulphy.

which are provided in the Betting Halls. Considerable delay is caused by investors placing high value bets in low denomination notes and in one case at the Trial Meeting an investor placed a \$1,000 bet in \$10 notes which caused the ticket seller to spend a considerable amount of time in counting the cash with the consequent hold up of sales at that particular booth.

4.—Investors are asked to make sure they know the NUMBER of the pony they wish to back and also make sure they know it is in fact a STARTER.

In many instances at the Trial Meeting pony names were given to ticket sellers and in other instances non-starters' numbers were given. For the convenience of the public a "Starters List" is displayed at each selling window.

5.—Investors in the queue awaiting their bets are particularly requested not to place bets at the request of friends who have not queued. At the Trial Meeting it was observed that many bets were placed in this manner. Consideration in this regard for others in the queue will avoid unpleasantness and will help to speed up the sale.

Dorfman, Kovaleski And Davidsson In H.K.

The two American tennis stars, Fred Kovaleski and Irvin Dorfman and the Swedish player, Sven Davidsson who recently won the Philippines Singles title arrived in Hongkong by a P.A.L. plane this morning. Together with them was Ip Koon-hong.

They will play a series of exhibition matches in Hongkong during the next few days, and the full programme is expected to be out by tomorrow.

9.30 p.m. Ladies' Singles:—Miss Gloria Silva v Miss B. Remedios.
9.00 p.m. Junior Men's Doubles:—H. Riddale & A. L. Fisher v A. J. Souza & F. M. Koon-hong.
9.30 p.m. Ladies' Doubles:—Miss I. Soares & Miss R. Marques v Miss Ulian Khoo & Miss Winnie Cheung.
10.00 p.m. Senior Mixed Doubles:—M. A. Oliveira & Mrs. C. M. Quinn v Ramon Young & Miss Helen Kwong.

DRAW FOR RUGBY INTERNATIONALS

The following is the draw for the first round of the Rugby Internationals at Causeway Bay on Saturday:

8.15 p.m.—Scotland v. International XV.
4.30 p.m.—England v. Ireland & Wales.

THE TEAMS
England: Borwick (Army), Lattice (Navy), Barrett (Navy), Norman (Navy) Layton (Club), Lawes (Army), Hulson (Club), Carrel (Club), (Capt.) Borg (Army), Bence (Navy), Carter (Army), Minio (Club) Gregson (Army) Wynter (Army).

Wright-North (Police). Reserves: V. Russell (Police), Francis & Hartland (Army). Ireland & Wales: Cleme (Club), Reynolds (Club), Stevin (Police), Gower (Army), Myrton (Army), Tipton (Army), Moyley (Club), A. N. Other, Major (Army) Handcock (Club), A. N. Other, Davin (Club), J. Thomas (Army) Reserves: Gibbons, Shannon, Phillipson Denton.

International: Snow (RAF), Hand (Navy) Blackburn (Club), Franklyn (Club), Cowan (Army) Sherard-Smith (Police), Bleakley (Club), Thorney Croft (Navy) (Capt.), Peyton-Bruhl (RAF) Moxon (Police), Adkins (Navy), Roden (Army) Fawcett (Navy), Wynyard (Club) J. Warne (Club).

Reserves: MacDonald (Club) MacDonald (Navy), Miller (Navy). Scotland: J. R. Henderson (Club), McNabb (Army), D. M. Henderson (Club), C. J. Campbell (Club), Stewart (Club), R. M. Campbell (Club), Colclough (Army) (Capt.), Forrester (Club), Moffat (Club), Moffat (Army), Farquharson (Club), G. McCallum (Club), Elmsey (Navy), J. Henderson (Army), A. Smyth (Army). Reserves: Nisbet (Army), Logan (Army), MacMillan-Scott (Army), Bleakley (Club), Craig (Club).

Still Short Of Wicketkeeper
London, Feb. 20. Harold Stephenson, the Somerset wicketkeeper, who flew to India in December to reinforce the Commonwealth cricket team, arrived back by air today.

His early return has been caused by a severe strain which has not responded to treatment. Later this week he will undergo a full examination to decide whether an operation will be necessary to enable him to resume county cricket at the beginning of the season.—Reuter.

HK Hockey Teams To Play Macao

The Macao Hockey Club will be visiting Hongkong during the weekend and will play two matches on Sunday at Sookun-poo.

At 10 a.m. their "B" team will take on the Nomads and at 11 a.m. their "A" team will play a return match with the Flyers XI.

HOW ARSENAL WENT OUT



"Rapier" Looks Over This Year's 'Subs'

Arrangements have now been completed for the 1951 Racing Carnival at the Valley on Saturday, February 24, Wednesday, February 28 and Saturday, March 3.

There have been 87 new Australian Subscription Griflins in training for this carnival, not counting the old brigade, and having watched them in their preparation, I am now able to give some indication on the form of the more prominent.

The most important race, of course, is the Pearce Memorial Cup, which has attracted 87 entries and will be run on February 28. On this race the Big Cash Sweep will be decided.

Among the ponies entered I think about the best are Inspiration, Norrman, Century, The Lioness, Killara, Dynamic View, Crackerjack, and Adorable Atlanta.

Inspiration, belonging to C. T., did a fast gallop on February 15 over the Champion distance with Mr. Renner on top, in 2:33—last quarter 28.1 seconds—which is an excellent performance and should find good support. This pony will go to the post with Mr. D. Black up.

Norrman, owned by Mr. R. Johannessen, impressed rail fans over the same distance in 2:34—last quarter 28.1 seconds on February 17 with Mr. Mainland up. It is already established as a firm favourite for this event.

Century, property of Elvens, did a good gallop over the same distance in 2:36.3—last quarter 27.3. It will be taken out by Mr. Ostroff and should it fail here, take note of it for other events.

The Lioness, owned by Petagood, which covered the mile on February 14 in 1:57.2, last quarter 30.1 seconds—has the appearance of a sprinter. However, it will be taken out by Mr. Cook.

Killara, belonging to Barrang, went over the mile on February 10 in 1:59.3 with a last quarter of 28.4, and is a good looking pony which has invariably done well over the mile distance. Whether it is good enough for the one and a quarter miles remains to be seen. However, it should not be disregarded under this distance.

Dynamic View, owned by Lan, has been freely mentioned as a serious contender in this event. It galloped the mile in 2:00.4, last quarter 28.3—on February 10. As it will be taken out by Mr. H. C. Pih its chance of winning is very bright.

GREATLY FANCIED
Crackerjack, belonging to Hop Loong, went over the mile on February 16 in 2:01.3, with a last quarter in 28.3 seconds. It was full of running and is greatly fancied in some quarters to annex this event. It will be taken out by Mr. Holgate.

Adorable Atlanta, stablemate of Century and owned by Perennial is another pony to be borne in mind. It completed the mile in 2:01.3—last quarter 28.1 seconds—on February 13, but judging from the way it moves, it appears to have a talent which has not been properly developed.

The ponies I have mentioned are undoubtedly the best of this Year's Subs, and I think the Pearce Memorial Cup winner will be among them with Inspiration, Norrman, Century, Dynamic View and Crackerjack having the best chance. For the other events several ponies have shown that they are capable of winning a race during the Carnival and they are Lin Fa, Half Moon Bay, Concorde, Debonair, Rowanley, Gold Medal, Exquisite Love, General Alarm, Red Rabbit, Kentucky, Redwood, Easy Money, Chinese MacKeral, Prince Dahlia, Fillbuster II, and Merry Uncle.

The latest scandal—coming after the City College of New York stars and three other men were arrested in connection with the same betting ring on Sunday—was bared by the district attorney, Frank Hogan.

Salvatore Solizzo, 45-year-old jeweller, is accused of being the ring's "pivot" man. After seven fixed games, Hogan said, the players became frightened and decided not to throw any more games. They even refused to go through with one "deal already planned." All of the fixed games were played at Madison Square Garden in New York.

The players face jail terms from one to five years and fines up to \$10,000. Chief Magistrate John Murlagh set the bail at \$15,000 for White, Smith and Bigos. Gard is in protective custody. The Long Island University announced today it has suspended White, Bigos, Smith and Gard.—United Press.

Japs Get Chance To Show Their New Democracy

The first Asiatic athletic meet in India will give the Japanese a chance to exhibit their new democracy, according to an editorial in the Mainichi, Japan's leading newspaper.

The editorial said the New Delhi games were important because they will give the Japanese a chance to practise sportsmanship along with other nations at the event which transcends race, religion and customs.

The Mainichi said the Japanese people should be grateful to India for overcoming the difficulties connected with Japan's invitation. It said they also should appreciate the efforts of General MacArthur's headquarters and its understanding which made it possible for Japan to be represented.—United Press.

Pearson (No. 8) turns to receive the congratulations of his colleague, Rowley (No. 11) after scoring the goal which enabled Manchester United to beat Arsenal 1-0 in the fifth round FA Cup tie at Old Trafford.—Daily Express Photo.

SOCCER STAR TO PAY £100

By Roy Peskett

The Football League inflicted one of its heaviest over sentences on a player when it fined Trevor Ford, the Sunderland and Welsh centre forward, £100.

The League found Ford guilty of an offence under Football League Regulation 67.

This prescribes penalties for trying to induce a player to leave his club, and goes on: "Any payment to a player in excess of the permitted amount in excess of benefit allowed by Rule 63 and the bonus of £10 allowed by Rule 60 will be regarded as a payment of bonus in excess of the amount permissible... and any club making or being a party to such payment or any player seeking to obtain payment in excess of £10... shall be deemed guilty of misconduct."

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BRITISH-EXPORT HORSES SHINE

London. Last year there were at least 600 individual British-bred winners in foreign countries, Ireland excepted.

They are quite separate from horses which have been bred abroad from British mares previously exported and mated abroad. This is a positive army, of which I have no record.

To limit the subject to animals exported from Britain is best to group them under their sire. An example is Noor. Noor, one of the best horses exported from this country in recent years was shipped to the USA after he had raced here; his victories in the United States made headlines.

His achievements, in terms of figures, are recorded in the statistical abstract issued by the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association and may be found under the name of his sire, Nasrullah.

SUCCESSFUL EMIGRANT
Noor is taken only as a convenient example, not because it happens that he was a particularly successful emigrant.

The purpose of this investigation was to trace some of the other winners and to show where they all won. Admiral's Walk was a good sire but never in the top flight. Ten of his stock won between them 29 races in foreign countries in 1950.

The countries were India, Malaya, Ceylon, Venezuela, France, the South Caribbean, Iran, and Bolivia. They won in rupees, dollars, francs and bolivars.

Montrose, a little 20-year-old horse, standing in Ireland at £25, had 23 winners of 38 races last year, including the two principal races in South Africa, and others in Malaya, India, Venezuela and Norway. Casanova, better known, perhaps, in this country, had 13

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB NOTICE TO MEMBERS ANNUAL RACE MEETING

Saturday 24th, Wednesday 28th February and Saturday 3rd March 1951

The First Be'll will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12.00 Noon, each day. The fifth interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.).

There are eleven races each day (33 in all). The "Pearce Memorial Cup" is scheduled to be run on the Second Day, Wednesday, 28th February, Race No. 6 at 3.30 p.m.

Through Tickets at \$90.00 each may be obtained at the Comptroller Office of the Club, 1st floor, Telephone House, also tickets at \$2.00 each for the Special Cash Sweep on the "Pearce Memorial Cup", the sale of which will close at 5.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 27th February.

Through Tickets reserved for this Meeting but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 23rd February, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Club's Offices at Telephone House, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at:

5, D'Aguilar Street, Hong Kong
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MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE
SETS OF MEMBERS' AND LADIES' BADGES WILL NOT BE ISSUED FOR THE 1951 RACING SEASON UNTIL 1ST APRIL, 1951. 1950 SETS ARE VALID UNTIL THEN.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

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The Treasurers' Comptroller Office and the Secretary's Office will close at 10.00 a.m. each day. Both offices at 1st floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of affixes will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 2718).

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"SHENGKING"	Keelung	5 p.m. 11th Mar.
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"SOOCHOW"	Bangkok	5 p.m. 16th Mar.
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A circular giving the fullest details will shortly be received by members, but in the event of non-delivery, members are requested to apply to the Hon. Secretary for further copies.

Early application for invitations should be made as numbers will be strictly limited. All applications must reach the Hon. Secretary before the 10th March, 1951.

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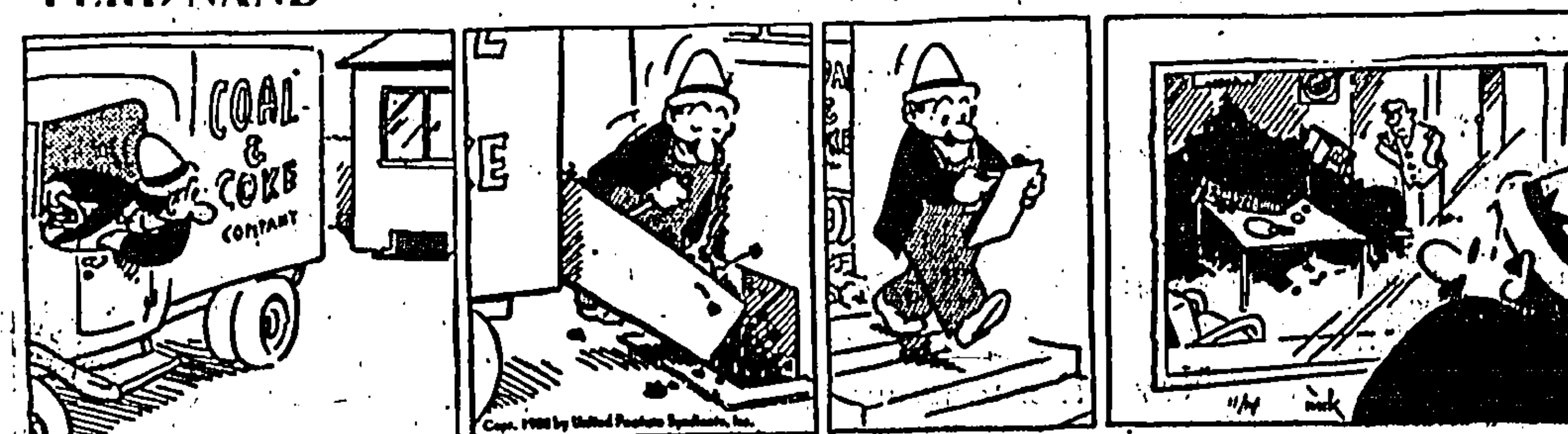
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Accused Officer's Wife In Tears At Court Martial

Graz, Austria, Feb. 20.

Neville Napier, 32, former British army officer accused before a British military court of passing information about the British forces, today agreed that he had answered questions about military matters.

But he asserted that he had never passed military information to anyone outside his sphere of duty when working for the Railway Transport Office at Judenber.

While Napier gave evidence, his red-haired Austrian wife sobbed uncontrollably.

Earlier, a confessed Austrian spy for Czechoslovakia, Franz Reicher, who is under arrest, had alleged that he twice received documents from Napier.

Napier had refused to supply documents which came from any British office, Reicher added. He had told Napier as was giving the information a Press agency.

Napier's counsel, Mr. M. J. Sikes, said that Napier had genuinely believed that he was being employed by some sort of Press agency.

Further, he said, the information which Napier was giving was of no value or if it had any value it was a negative one as it was inaccurate.

For the prosecution, Colonel M. J. Conway, Chief Signals Officer with the British troops in Austria, said that two documents alleged to have been passed to spy suspects by Napier describing a signal platform and communications lay-out were partly obsolete but definitely of value to a foreign power.

The last prosecution witness was the petite Maria Vogrin, 21, whose denunciation of Reicher to the police as an alleged drug trafficker led to the trial.

She said she had twice taken "something" from Reicher to Napier and "something" from Napier to Reicher but did not know what it was.

Asked if she knew that Reicher was trying to deceive Napier, she replied, "Yes, it was all a lie."

The court will sit again tomorrow when the verdict is expected.—Reuter.

PLEVEN GOVT. MAY BE OUSTED

Paris, Feb. 20.

The French Government, formed by M. Rene Pleven seven months ago, may fall next week because its six groups cannot agree about how deputies should be elected at the General Election due some time this year.

Various systems have been discussed for months, but none has commanded agreement throughout the Government parties.

The Government is committed to place an electoral reform bill before the National Assembly on Thursday. When the debate ends on Tuesday the vote may determine the Government's fate.

Tomorrow, the Cabinet will decide on which points in the bill they will risk the Government's life by submitting them to confidence votes.

There was still disagreement between Popular Republican and the others.—Reuter.

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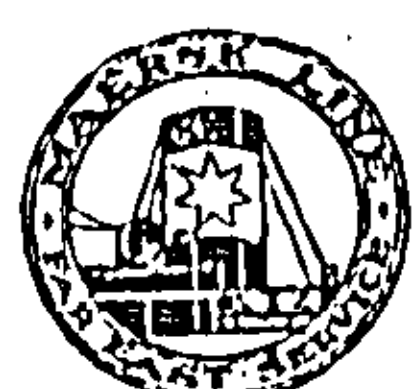
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SCRAP SHORTAGE IN EUROPE MAY CRAMP STEEL INDUSTRY

Geneva, Feb. 20.

Experts here consider that the scrap market in Europe has to be organised in some way if the whole steel industry is not to be cramped.

According to their estimates, scrap available in Europe is tight, but not so short as it looks on the market.

SOVIET, CHINESE TRADE

Moscow, Feb. 20.

Western observers noted with interest today the arrival here of a Chinese trade delegation headed by Deputy Trade Minister Yao Yi-lin.

It is clear Yao has come for important trade talks with the Soviet Ministry of Foreign Trade.

Recent articles in the Soviet Press have stressed that 1950 was marked by important expansion of Soviet Chinese trade and economic co-operation under the terms of the 1950 alliance between the Soviet Union and the Chinese People's Republic.

Western sources say the current negotiations may be aimed at further increases in the trade turnover between the two big neighbours.

China's trade with the Soviet Union and with Eastern European countries has become of much greater importance to her lately as the result of the U.S. embargo on the sale of many items to the Chinese.—Associated Press.

Freezing Of Prices In Brazil

Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 20.

Senator Benjamin Soares Cabello, new Vice-President of Brazil's Central Price Commission, has proposed that the prices of food, utilities and services should be frozen at their January 31 level.

Salaries would not be included.

He suggested that the Government should buy on a non-profit basis on the food and basic materials markets.

Transport and food syndicates should plan with the Commission to ensure adequate supplies, and a cereals and food exchange should be set up here, he said.—Reuter.

British Steel Prices Up

London, Feb. 20.

Price increases for iron and steel were announced today—five days after the industry came under State control.

The new prices apply from tomorrow, the Ministry of Supply announced.

The increases, which were expected, are mainly due to rises in the cost of coal and coke.

Examples of the increases are basic pig iron up from £10.15.6d. a ton to £10.18s. and cold rolled steel strip up from £33 a ton to £33.12s.6d.—Reuter.

Seeds And Oils

New York, Feb. 20.

Prices in the seeds and oils market here closed today unchanged with the following exceptions:

Tung Oil, in tank, F.O.B. New York, per lb., 30 1/2
Cotton seed oil, F.O.B. Brazilian Port, 37 1/2-38 nominal.—United Press.

Meat Talks To Be Resumed

Buenos Aires, Feb. 20.

Argentina will tomorrow announce the text of her note accepting the British Government's proposal for the resumption of meat and trade talks, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said today.—Reuter.

LANCASHIRE COTTON MILLS MAKE MONEY

Lancashire, Feb. 20.

Britain's cotton mills in Lancashire made more money in 1950 than in any year since 1920-21.

A survey showed the average profit of 74 spinning mills was 108.44.90 (U.S.) per company compared with an average of £75.76.40 for 15 companies in 1949.

The average dividend paid during 1950 by 55 mills was 10.51 percent, compared with 10.51 percent for 12 companies in 1949.

Five British textile mills are fully equipped with modern and automatic machinery. The Government is paying part of the bill for modernizing plans.—Associated Press.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

The volume of business transacted on the Stock Exchange this morning was valued at \$109,123. The half day's business and noon closing prices were as follows—

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES
HSK Bank 100 15 @ 122 1/2
East Asia 100 12 @ 120 1/2

INSURANCES
Union 500 67 40 @ 200
Underwriters 310 20 @ 145

DOCKS, ETC.
D. P. Wharf 13 5 @ 5.5
Dock Provident 104 800 @ 11

LAND, ETC.
HK Land 38 30 200 @ 34 1/2

UTILITIES
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2000 @ 12.80
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200 @ 12 1/2
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200 @ 12 1/2

C. Light (O) 6.10 6.30 100 @ 6.20
C. Light (N) 5.70 5.80 200 @ 5.80
Electric (B) 2 300 @ 20 1/2
200 @ 20 1/2
200 @ 20 1/2

Telephone (N) 8 600 @ 10

INDUSTRIALS
Cement 12 1/2 13
Rope 14

STONES, ETC.
Daly 12 1/2 13
Watson 21 1/2 22 1/2
200 @ 22
50 @ 22
500 @ 22

L. Crawford 21 1/2

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Ewo 2.40 2.70

LONDON TIN MARKET

London, Feb. 20.

Tin prices again improved today, with turnover only 50 tons, including 15 tons for spot.

Prices closed today at the end of the official morning session as follows:

Spot tin, buyer 1,525
Spot tin, seller 1,530
Business done at 1,525-1,530

Three-month tin, buyer 1,460
Three-month tin, seller 1,465
Business done at 1,460-1,465

Settlement 1,530
—United Press.

Singapore Rubber

Singapore, Feb. 20.

Prices of rubber futures closed here today as follows:

Number 1 rubber, per lb. 230-230 1/2
February 232-232 1/2
March 232-232 1/2
Number 2 rubber, 231-232
February 231-232
March 231-232
Number 3 rubber, 229-230
February 229-230
March 229-230
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—United Press.

New York Rubber Futures

New York, Feb. 20.

Trading in spot and futures markets for natural rubber remained at a practical standstill again. On the Commodity Exchange, Incorporated, the market closed 200 points lower to half points higher on bid prices, with no actual sales materialising.

Prices closed today as follows:
Spot 74
March 72.00 bid
May 72.00 bid
July 72.00 bid
—United Press.

London Rubber

London, Feb. 20.

Prices of rubber futures closed here today as follows:

Number 1 rubber, in cents per lb. 71 1/2-72 1/2
April/June 71 1/2-72 1/2
July/October 71 1/2-72 1/2
October/December 71 1/2-72 1/2
—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

sterling (per £) 15.97
U.S. dollars (per \$1) 0.1775
Indian rupees (per 100) 3.35
Indonesian guilders (per 100) 29.00
Singapore (Straits) 1.703
710 piastres (per 100) 12.10

India Trade Talks

New Delhi, Feb. 20.

An Iraqi trade delegation under the former Finance Minister, Mr. Munim, now in New Delhi, is expected to begin trade talks with Indian officials tomorrow.

The delegation arrived two days ago.—Reuter.

World Record Price Paid For Wool

Melbourne, Feb. 20.

American Merinos paid a world record price of 411 pence a pound for a bale of super merino lambs wool at the Geelong wool sales today.

It was the first time wool had brought more than 400 pence a pound.

Bidding was strong and the market buoyant. Any changes were in the sellers' favour.

Prices at the Sydney sales were fully firm on the previous day's levels for all descriptions of merino.—Associated Press.

Transport Situation Is Tight

Washington, Feb. 20.

Agriculture Department officials said today a tight transportation situation growing out of the defence programme may hold down exports of wheat in the months ahead.

Sales of wheat for shipment abroad have been particularly heavy during the past three months.

This, in turn, has caused an unusually heavy demand for freight cars for movement of grain from interior producing areas to ports.

The supply of freight cars, however, is short of total needs.

There is still ample wheat, officials told reporters, to meet current and anticipated export and domestic needs and maintain a safe reserve.

Officials said exporters have been advised of the tight shipping situation. It has been suggested, they said, that exporters take this into account in making additional sales for export.—Associated Press.

JAPAN'S DYE INDUSTRY

Tokyo, Feb. 21.

Japan's dye industry is slated to reach new highs in production this year, according to the economic journal, Nihon Keizai.

Said this optimistic outlook is based on a two-fold jump in domestic demand and three-fold rise in exports in December last year over last summer.

In view of increasing demand, manufacturers are said to be trying to boost the production to 7,000 tons this year. However, they believe that the production goal may reach 10,000 tons before the end of the fiscal year of 1950.—United Press.

U.S. Copper Cut

Washington, Feb. 20.

The Government announced today that steel of automobiles and other consumer durable goods will be cut 20 percent on April 1, probably 30 percent on July 1 and perhaps more later in the year.

The National Production Authority also announced that copper for non-defence production will be cut 25 percent on April 1. This is five percent greater than the cut previously ordered for March.—United Press.

Copra Sellers

New York, Feb. 20.

Sellers offered copra for nearby shipment at \$290 per short ton, C.I.F. the Pacific Coast. However, dealers indicated that some material might be available on firm bid of \$285 per ton. In coconut oil, all positions were traded at 21 1/2 cents a pound, F.O.B. mills.—United Press.

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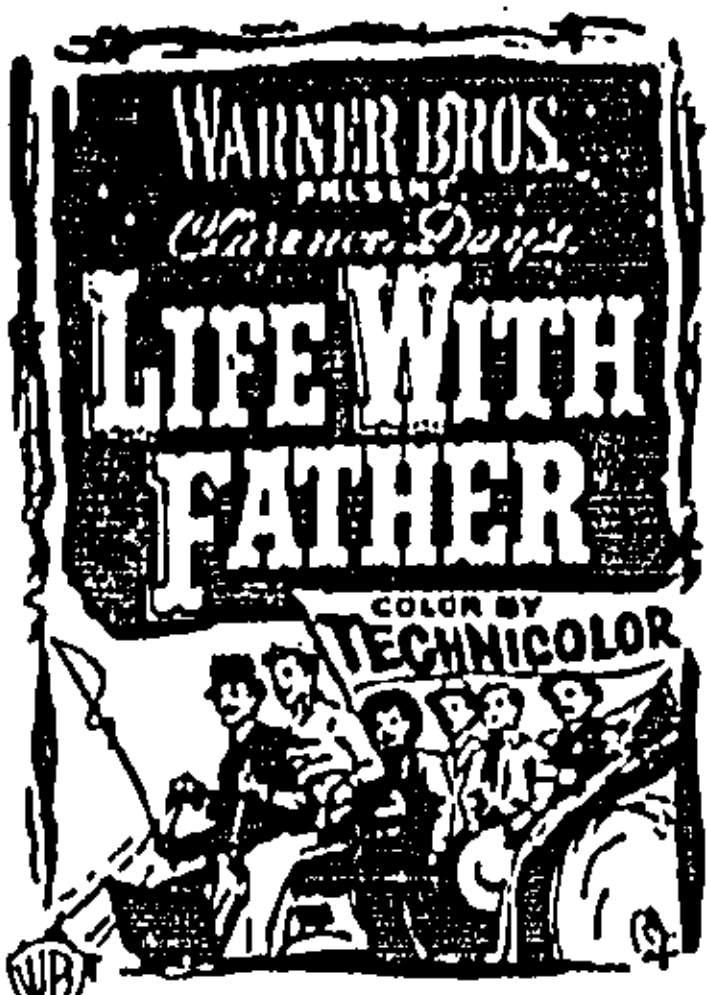
A close-up photograph of two beer cans. The can on the left has a price tag that reads "16 oz Tin \$1.20". The can on the right has a price tag that reads "\$1.10". The cans are dark-colored and appear to be full.

According to recent Paris reports, hair is definitely going to be longer. Guillaume shows a hairdressed woman whose hair is brushed up at either side, and then arranged across the front in two little horns...or is brushed down flat over the top in a dragged-out back fashion. The hair is parted in the middle of the head, flat, but involves the old-handled tortoiseshell slides. Another device is to use large hairpins, however, which is planned above the turn of the under hair ends or over a false chignon. "Els mannequins planned demand-cut clips in

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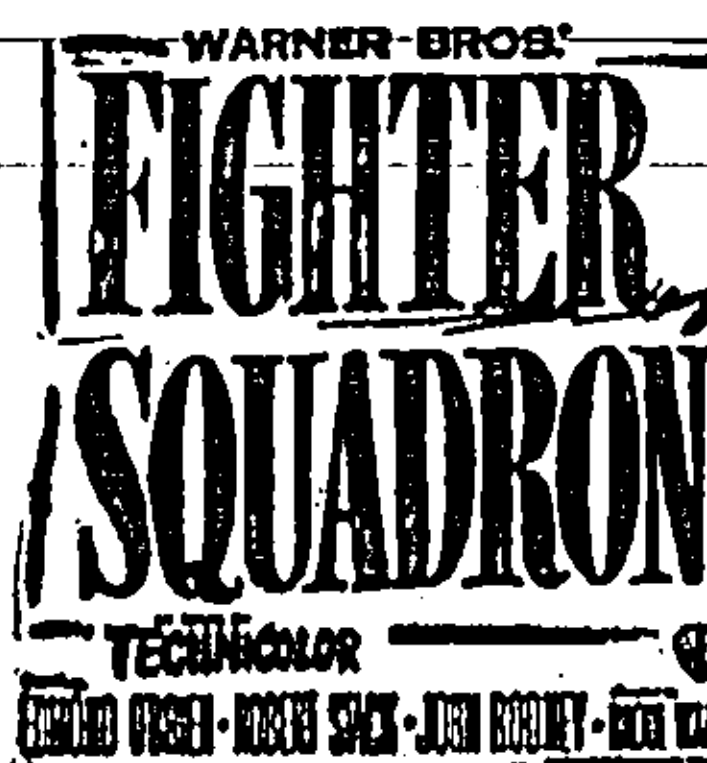
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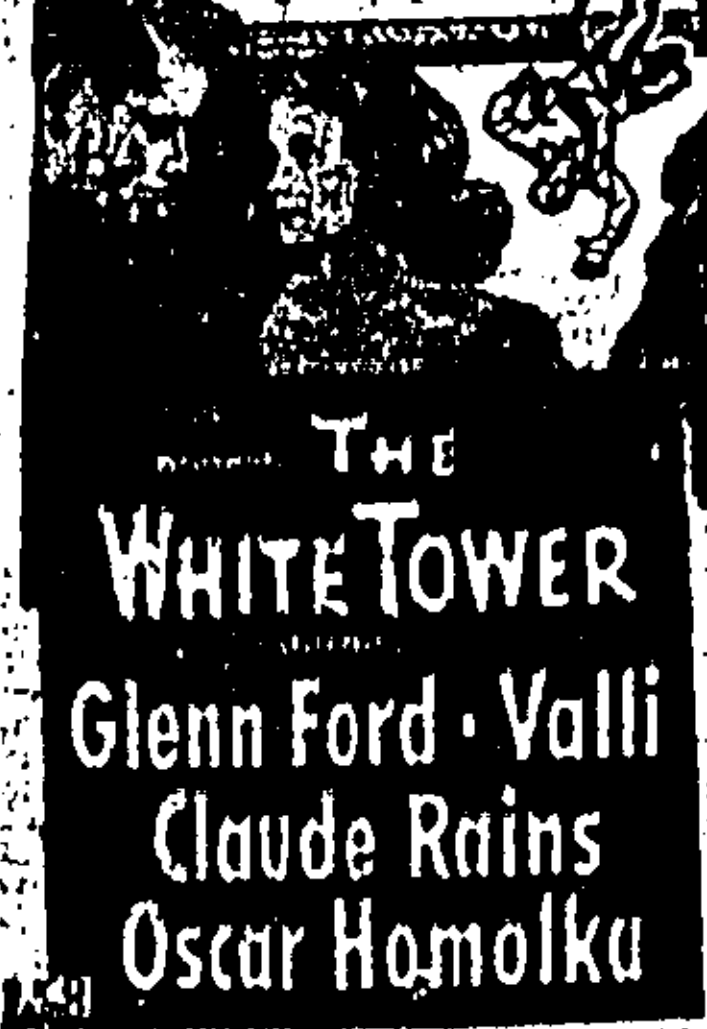
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America To Speed Aid To Indo-China

Saigon, Feb. 21. The United States Minister, Mr. Donald Heath, said today that the United States would increase military aid to Indo-China where French and Vietnamese troops are fighting the battle against Communism for all of Southeast Asia.

Mr. Heath returned today after two weeks' conferences in Washington where, he said, he received "satisfactory assurances" that military aid would be speeded up and increased.

Mr. Heath added that "all types of Army, air and naval weapons are coming" to augment the planes, tanks, artillery and wide range of other weapons already sent here under the American military assistance programme. He said Americans realized the troops in Indo-China fighting against Vietnamese "are really fighting a battle against Communism for all of Southeast Asia." But he said he had "no comment" when asked if his talks in Washington included discussion of what the United States would do if the Chinese Communists were to invade Indo-China.

On the fighting front, meanwhile, a French communiqué announced that Marine Commandos killed at least 100 Vietnamese fighters and took 201 prisoners in a two-day sweeping ending yesterday, through the rebel-honeycombed swamps on the southern edge of the Red River delta in the North. It said the dead included 100, including only corpses counted.

It added that another action in the central province of Anham French forces killed 67 Vietnamese and took 55 prisoners in various clashes, including an ambush in which 25 were killed. In the southern province of Cochinchina, French air and amphibious attacks dispersed rebel concentrations some 85 miles south-west of here, United Press.

CALL-UP EXTENSION SURPRISE

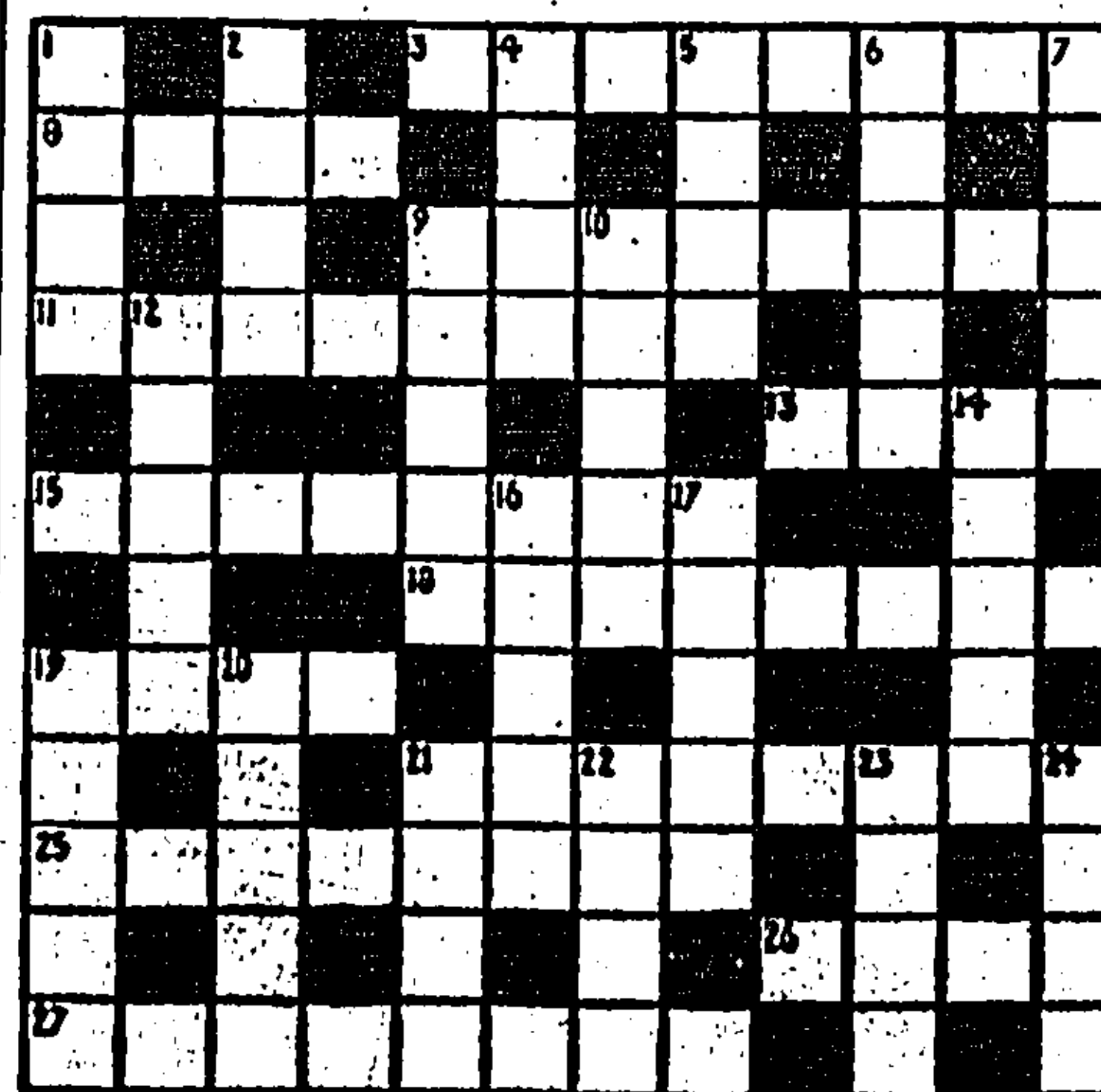
London, Feb. 21. The Government disclosed today that it will ask Parliament for authority to call up reservists for training each year until 1954.

The disclosure was made in the text of the bill authorizing the call-up, which came as a surprise for it had been generally understood that the call-up of reservists would be for this year only.

About 250,000 men are to be recalled this summer—most of them for 15 days' army training.

The bill also provides for gaol sentences on anyone inviting reservists to disobey call-up orders. Anyone having possession or control of any document likely to incite neglect of duties under the call-up will be liable to penalties up to two years' imprisonment or a £500 fine.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
3. Suggests.
8. Unite.
11. Opposing.
13. Half.
15. Acted in accordance with.
16. Enlisted.
19. Leave out.
21. Took into custody.
23. Exiled.
25. One-sided inclination.
27. Recovering.

DOWN
1. Die of light round head of 23. Exhibition.
2. Failure.
4. Ready.
5. Bury.
6. Desert.
7. Glide swiftly.
9. Fish.
10. Penetrate.
12. Introduction.
14. Compulsive.
17. Drugged.
18. Arrangement.
20. Drive.
22. Curb.
24. Vow.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Dull, 4. Miss, 7. Examined, 8. Eagle, 9. Damsel, 11. Retire, 12. Omen, 13. Breeze, 14. Mower, 15. Unhappy, 16. Thaw, 17. Breeze, 18. Down, 19. Breeze, 20. Mower, 21. Breeze, 22. Omen, 23. Breeze, 24. Mower, 25. Breeze, 26. Omen, 27. Breeze.

No Politics In Royal Navy

Tokyo, Feb. 21. Vice-Admiral W. G. Andrews, Commander of the British naval forces in Korean waters, ordered the cruiser Belfast and the Australian destroyer, Warramunga, back from landings north of the 38th Parallel—but for operational not political reasons, a British naval spokesman stated here tonight.

A report that Admiral Andrews had ordered the ships back because of "Commonwealth" doubts about crossing the Parallel was "absolute nonsense," he said.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S STAND OVER 38TH

London, Feb. 21. The Foreign Under-Secretary, Ernest Davies, said today that small incursions above Korea's 38th Parallel might be made for tactical military reasons, but any substantial crossing would be a political matter for consultation by nations with forces in Korea.

Mr. Davies replied to a question in the House of Commons by Conservative Mr. S. Brockway, who drew attention to the landing of South Korean Marines supported by American naval bombardment at Wonsan, 18 miles north of the Parallel.

The Under-Secretary said Britain was aware of the landing but reaffirmed Mr. Attlee's declaration that Britain felt there must be consultation within the United Nations about a crossing, particularly among members fighting there.

"The present position is that where for local tactical reasons it may be necessary to make small incursions over the Parallel, that would be considered a military matter. But any substantial crossing of it would be a political matter on which consultation would take place."

Mr. Davies had no knowledge of the report that British Naval forces have been ordered to escape operations north of the Parallel.—United Press.

Border Incident

Amman, Feb. 21. Jordanian officials said today that a group of Israeli soldiers crossed the Israel-Jordan border near Qalqalia today and captured a herd of cattle and two shepherds. They said the incident took place at 10 a.m. local time. The Israelis allegedly carried automatic weapons.

The officials said there was an exchange of fire, but the Israelis were able to cross back with the cattle and shepherds.—United Press.

Statue Decapitated By Lightning

Paris, Feb. 21. A violent storm tonight blew away roofs and flooded houses at Issoudun, a large market town in Boulogne.

Lightning destroyed telephone wires, overturned an electricity pylon and decapitated the statue of St Peter on the dome of Issoudun Basilica.—Reuter.

UN Security Council Begins Debate On The Kashmir Issue

Lake Success, Feb. 21.

Pakistan's Foreign Minister, Sir Zafrullah Khan, today expressed "keen disappointment" over the contents of the Anglo-American resolution on Kashmir.

Shortly before the Security Council opened its debate on the matter, Sir Zafrullah told the United Press he was disappointed that the resolution failed to instruct the new United Nations representative for India and Pakistan to take successive steps to bring about a plebiscite in the disputed area, and instead lined up a series of measures that the representative is authorised to take in his endeavours.

The Security Council convened under the chairmanship of M. Francois Leriche, of France, whose first act was to invite Sir Zafrullah and his delegation to the Council table.

Pakistan is not a member of the Security Council.

The floor was given to Sir Gladwyn Jebb, who introduced the Anglo-American resolution appointing a new United Nations representative for India and Pakistan to replace Sir Owen Dixon.

Sir Gladwyn told the Council that Britain "feels the utter importance to solution of differences between two fellow members of the Commonwealth, not only because of the special ties Britain has with each of them, but also because of the supreme importance of securing peaceful solution of the difficulties of these nations, whose emergence to full citizenship was one of the principal aims, indeed, one of the most encouraging results of World War II."

Sir Gladwyn said that the 10 months that had elapsed since the Council last debated Kashmir "clearly demonstrated the urgent need for removing obstacles to co-operation and mutual assistance between the governments of India and Pakistan."

NO SIDES

He emphasised that no Council member was willing to take sides in the Indo-Pakistan dispute, but that none could simply sit back and reserve failure.

"However bleak the outlook, we must go on trying to secure settlement and try we will."

Sir Gladwyn praised Sir Owen Dixon's work, but stressed that Britain could not accept his recommendation that India and Pakistan be left to settle the problem by themselves.

Reviewing the three-year history of negotiation, Sir Gladwyn emphasised that both parties agreed in principle to a plebiscite.

"The difficulties which encountered concerned translation of that principle into a detailed scheme to give effect to it," continued Sir Gladwyn. "My government are not without hope that a further determined effort by the Council with the assistance of the two governments will discover a way of resolving them and effecting settlement of the whole Kashmir problem."

GOODWILL NEEDED

All that is now required is goodwill on both sides to resolve details. The Anglo-American resolution was not intended in any way to prejudice the Council's deliberations or the views of India and Pakistan. The draft was the result of consultations between the United States and British governments, as well as discussions with the parties. He stressed, however, that the resolution was prepared without the agreement of either party. Although the sponsors were aware the parties would object to some provisions, they urged careful consideration because they believed it to be the "only approach likely to resolve differences which have been preventing holding of the plebiscite." The British government feared that the Kashmiri authorities of the so-called "All Jammu-Kashmir National Conference"—a pro-Indian body—should embark on independent action which would challenge the authority of the Council and the United Nations.

He was referring in particular to a resolution passed by the conference that the destiny of Kashmir should be settled by a Constituent Assembly to be called by the conference. Britain could not reconcile such a resolution with the Indo-Pakistan agreement on a plebiscite.

INTENTION

"However, I feel sure that when we hear the explanation which... the representative of India will no doubt give us, we shall be reassured that there is no intention on the part either of his government or of the Kashmiri State government to adopt measures which would in any way prejudice... already reached and commitments already entered into by the governments of India and Pakistan, which would compromise the whole scheme adopted by the Security Council."

The British Delegate then stressed the proposal in the resolution that "neutral forces" be made available to safeguard the security of the State during the plebiscite.

"We hope that there will now be ready acceptance of the principle that the best guarantee of a fair expression of the wishes of the people of Kashmir is removal or disbandment of the military forces of all interested parties and their replacement by UN forces which can have no interest to sway the vote either way."

He said if one party rejected this, it could only mean "that the contestant denies the whole conception of settlement by plebiscite."

U.S. ATTITUDE

Mr. Ernest Gross of the United States told the Council the United States hoped India and Pakistan could agree. He said that, besides the proposals outlined in the resolution, the UN representative would have suggestions to make his own.

Mr. Gross stressed that an important element in the Council's work was the expressed willingness of the Prime Ministers of both countries to settle the problem peacefully.

Following these speeches, M. Loez proposed that the Council adjourn until February 27 to study the resolution. Mr. Selim Sarper of Turkey proposed March 1.

Sir Benegal Rau of India, President for March, reserved decision, considering that his country was intimately concerned. The Council finally agreed to meet on March 1, but Sir Benegal reserved decision on whether to serve as President.—United Press.

Canberra To Take Further Action Against Miners

Canberra, Feb. 21.

The Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Robert Menzies, announced after a late sitting of the Cabinet tonight that, subject to the advice of senior counsel, the Government would take further proceedings against the miners' leaders for the stoppages in the coalfields.

The Cabinet's decision followed a dismissal by the Arbitration Court in Melbourne yesterday of a summons by the Government against the President of the Communist Federation, Mr. Idris Williams, for alleged contempt.

Announcing the Government's decision tonight, Mr. Menzies said it should point out that the decision of the Arbitration Court yesterday in the contempt proceedings and some of the arguments used in the course of the proceedings have made this special and urgent examination by senior counsel necessary.

A deadlock was reached today by the miners' leaders and the Australian Council of Trade Unions seeking a basis of settlement in the coalfields.

Neither side made a statement when the negotiations ended, but it was reported unofficially that the Council of Trade Unions—the Australian TUC—had delivered an ultimatum to the miners' leaders.

The effect of this was said to be that if the miners did not underwrite by 2.00 p.m. local time tomorrow to abandon the weekly stoppages and refer the wage and other claims to arbitration, the Council of Trade Unions would withdraw from the negotiations.

The miners were said to have insisted that the award—an increase in pay if they undertook to work 10 full working days a fortnight—be withdrawn and that they be given guarantees of favourable consideration of their claims for wage increases.

The Australian Council of Trade Unions is a gloomy view of the prospects tonight. One of them said: "We are in for a prolonged fight."

Judy Garland's Divorce Suit

Los Angeles, Feb. 21. Judy Garland has filed her long expected suit for divorce from Vincente Minelli, Hollywood director.

The actress charged cruelty and asked for the custody of their four-year-old daughter Liza.

Attractive and vivacious singer star Judy Garland, 27, has been in film since the age of 12.—Reuter.

GERMAN GENERAL LET OFF

Paris, Feb. 21.

A French military tribunal tonight acquitted a German general, Fritz Rossum, charged with delivering to German police 18 French officers recaptured after escaping from Lubeck Oflag in 1944.

The court also acquitted Colonel Erick Berndt, the camp commandant, and a police officer, Paul Prager, jointly charged with Rossum.

Prosecution lawyers said that none of the 13 French officers returned. Two were executed by bullets in the neck at Kiel, four were hanged at Mathausen concentration camp and no one knew what had happened to the others.

Rossum, who commanded war prisoners in the Hamburg zone in 1944, told the court that he followed Wehrmacht High Command orders that officers other than Americans or British should be handed over to the police if recaptured after escape attempts.

Colonel Berndt said that he had merely obeyed General Rossum's orders.

Prager said that he had refused to take the officers to police headquarters. He claimed that at the time he said the General should have sent soldiers to do so.

The court acquitted in his absence, a former S.S. general, Von Basewitz, and condemned a police officer, Mann, in his absence to hard labour for life.

Both were charged jointly with the three present in court.

Loud protests arose from the packed court house when the verdicts were announced.—Reuter.

8 Dead In Plunge Over Cliff

Bogota, Feb. 21. Eight were killed and 20 hurt when a bus carrying 40 passengers overturned early today near Tolima and went over a 500-foot drop.—Reuter.

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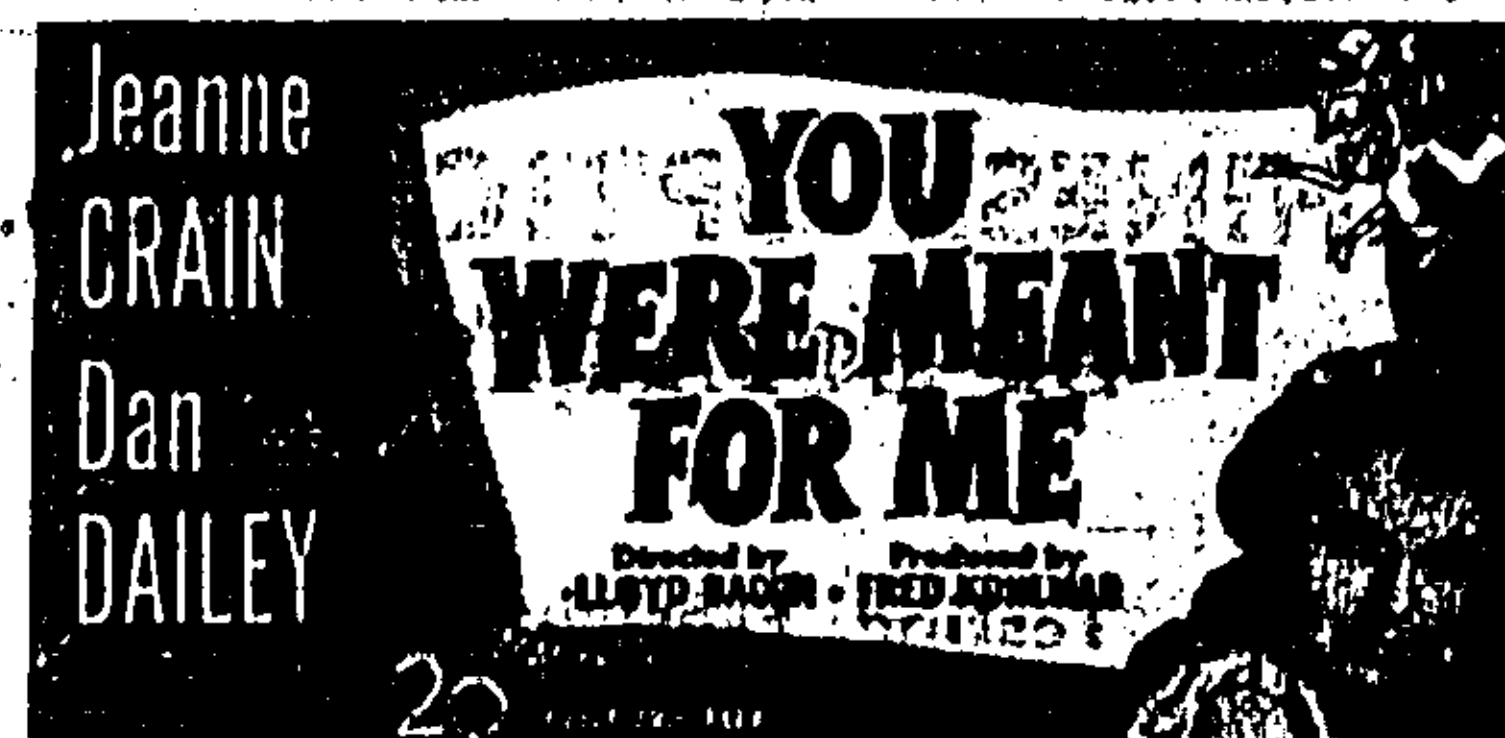
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Americans Start To Pull In Their Belts

THE train journey from West Virginia back to New York was an ordeal.

The elaborately equipped Streamliner (there was even a cinema aboard) broke down. All heating went off and we were marooned for five hours at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in near-zero weather.

Huge icicles formed between the coaches, women wept and children wailed. We huddled together wrapped in blankets.

The dazzling array of buttons in the sleeping compartments, which earlier, at the touch of a finger, had slid back out of recesses, made wash-basins appear and disappear, produced light and heat, and kept the air clean and fresh, refused to work. Apparently they shared the sentiments of railway strikers.

More than a taste

THERE were angry arguments throughout the train, but a young sergeant put us all in our place when he said: "This will do everyone good. You've all had it too soft. Now you are having a taste of austerity."

It looks as if we are going to have more than a taste, judging by the vast new armament programme and the proposed 20 per cent increase in taxes.

Luxury living and perhaps comfortable living are being whittled down in the United States. Americans, cushioned for so long by their wealth and industrial ingenuity against harsh suffering and sacrifice on the home front, are feeling the squeeze. There's still a long way to go before austerity on the British model is reached.

Complaints are surprisingly few. Only the Isolationists are weighed down with woe. Particularly ex-President Herbert Hoover.

Mr Hoover's return engagement was one of the most extraordinary performances of his life. He called it the speech of his life, but if followed it would spell out death to the free world.

Hoover made it clear that he considered America's participation in the last war a great mistake. He had no word of comfort or support for the Atlantic Pact Allies, but instead embraced Japan and Germany, patted Franco on the head, and kissed Chiang Kai-shek. Stop helping Europe look the other way and listen to the Germans, the Japanese and the Spaniards.

If and when the Russians march across Europe he would bomb the Russians (and the overrun Europeans) until they have all had enough. Don't be too perturbed by this selfish counsel of abandonment. Mr Hoover has not a tenth of the following of General Eisenhower. It is 22 years since Hoover was elected to any office.

The Great Debate is not

living up to its name. Perhaps what is needed is what the New Yorker calls "freedom from speech." There is so much talk about the Festival. We need reports the wearing of anti-hearing devices to shut out the nonsense.

Out at Lake Success the call for carphones has lessened—a most interesting sign. Today the lake is murky. Now that Communist China has been branded an aggressor after the most fierce wrangle, no one is doing the least thing about it.

I said: "What we need here is an outstanding British figure to put over the British case and record, and I'm not talking just about the Festival. We need someone like Mountbatten, a personality who makes news, commands features and front covers, someone with magnetism who can hold the American audience." Mr Gore—Booth listened but did not comment. Can Britain spare Mountbatten or someone like him? It is very important. Not one American in a hundred knows

furs for the rest. Hate without crowns or beins—more vells and points are popular. Dresses are sheath-like. Necklines are so low you would think materials were rationed. But nothing whatsoever is rationed—yet.

In entertainment, British plans for the Festival are impressing American showmen. The line-up reads like the Who's Who of show business, and even Hollywood and Broadway would have difficulty in matching it. Our stars should lure the dollars.

I see reports that no British "big name" is considered capable of filling the London Palladium twice nightly. Can this be true? Why not try a British star?

Still the same

DANNY KAYE, now in New York breaking attendance records, is busily planning his trip to London. Spectacular success has not gone to his platinum-blond head.

Edward G. Robinson is in the market for British art treasures. His art collection is one of the finest in the world and he says: "The picture-collecting habit is like the drug habit—you can't live without it."

On Broadway also the old masters boom—four Shaw plays, three Shakespeare plays, and two Ibsen.

Sir Cedric Hardwicke, Charles Laughton, and Charles Boyer are currently doing better on the screen.

Britain's Richard Greene, now in New York, is upset by reports that he criticised Mexico City. "I never criticised Mexico City," he says. "I did, and I am not upset."

When comedian Robert Lewis was told by a waiter that he could be served with anything that swims he replied: "Bring me Esther Williams."

At Lake Success the United States is delighted that Britain is not only standing on her own feet but is no longer treading on American toes.

Footnote: The Isolationists are confusing history with hysteria.

DON IDDON'S DIARY —NEW YORK: TUESDAY—

The delegates sit on their hands. The subject is over, finished, done with.

Our Sir Gladwyn Jebb and America's Warren Austin are walking in step again, the Anglo-American rift has been papered over, and there are some encouraging words for the British. Our soldiers march across American newspapers, and newspaper print charts and tables showing comparative sacrifices of the Allies, and we do not come off so badly. It seems that British information services have been galvanised into action.

I met Mr Gore-Booth, our chief information officer, the other night. He said: "You've been critical lately, particularly about our publicity drive for the Festival—any suggestions?"

the name of the British Ambassador, Sir Oliver Franks, although he has done a tremendous, back-breaking job behind the scenes.

Needed also is an Englishman in front of the scenes, an Envoy to hold the spotlight and attract attention. Lord Lottian did it—Lord Mountbatten could do it.

Certainly there is increased harmony here, despite Mr Hoover. St Valentine's Day, and New York stores were dressed up with bright red heart-shaped gifts with cupid figurines and pink ribbons and bows.

Spring fashions are already on display—jewelled shoes and champagne mink for the rich, rhinestone shoes and imitation

BRITISH WOMAN'S 3 YEARS AS A SLAVE IN A HAREM

(BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

THREE years of terror have ended for a 35-year-old British woman when she stepped ashore at Tilbury, carrying her 16-month-old baby from the P & O liner Strathmore.

It was Calcutta—born Mrs Doris Butler's first sight of England. She landed almost destitute, in the old frock she possessed, her only luggage a tin trunk and a battered blue hat bag.

A fugitive from a Moslem zenana (harem) in far away Bhopal, where she had been imprisoned for nearly three years after being kidnapped from the palace of the Nawab of Bhopal, she had come here to seek redress for horrors which few white women have experienced and survived.

Doris Huzzey, daughter of a Welsh outfitter and his Danish wife, has lived all her life in India. After an unhappy marriage to Mr Alfred Butler, a policeman, she went to live with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr and Mrs George Tanner, who had an hotel in Bombay.

But the Tanners returned to England, and in May 1947 Mrs Butler obtained a post as governess to the infant Princess Mahabano, daughter of the Nawab and Begum of Bhopal.

Then came the partition of India and Pakistan in August 1947.

At the time there were widespread riots throughout the country. Thousands of women were abducted by both sides, Hindu and Moslem. In both cases, forcible conversion followed.

Many thousands of these women have been rescued, but many have been lost. At last Mrs Butler's story was told.

slavery, or are hidden and ill-treated and cannot be traced.

Bhopal, a Moslem state, acceded to the new India, and as a result rioting was severe. The Nawab's palace was under siege for a time. Mrs Butler was still in the palace as nurse, and was desperate for a means of escape.

A Moslem chauffeur, pretending that he was going to save the girl, gave her a bhorka (native dress), in which she managed to get out of the palace and into one of the Nawab's state cars. That was the beginning of the end.

"Instead of being helped to freedom I was taken to a Moslem house and thrown into a zenana with other abducted women," Mrs Butler told me. "There I was forcibly converted to Islam and, under the threat of murder, forcibly married according to Islamic rites to the man who had abducted me."

"I was kept in the zenana, a close prisoner, watched night and day by a huge black Nubian woman, whose job it was to see that none of the women got out into the open."

"My life was a constant hell of near-starvation and ill usage. I was beaten regularly, and one of my fingers is crippled as a result of this mistreatment. The other women in the zenana, all Indians or Moslems, hated me and vented their spite in every possible way."

"I was treated like the lowest type of native woman and had to do all the work about the house. The other wives did all the housework. In both cases, forcible conversion followed."

Mrs Butler is still unwilling to say how she was rescued, but she says she was rescued by a British officer who was in Bhopal at the time.

After that any attempt to get away was met with the threat of the husband that he would take her child away.

"In a lane near the house there was a barred window looking into the zenana," Mrs Butler continued. "Here I would sometimes sit, hopelessly looking out into the freedom I thought I could never know again. Then I managed to attract the attention of an Indian carpet seller who proved friendly. He agreed to smuggle notes and letters from me to my brother-in-law in England and also to the few friends I had in India."

"The letters reached their destination and the carpet seller was able to obtain small sums of money which he spent on necessities for me and passed through the barred window in the night."

For months Mr Tanner in England and several white friends in Bhopal had been trying to trace the missing girl. As soon as the messages from the shuttled zenana reached them they went into action. Instructions were sent by them to the carpet seller and passed on to the captive girl.

At last, pretending to be ill, she was transferred to a zenana hospital where an Australian woman doctor befriended her and tried to move her to the house of some railway officials.

But the plot failed. News leaked back to her Moslem husband, and as the party left the hospital a gang surrounded them. Doctors were rescued and taken back to prison.

"We tried the same trick again," Mrs Butler said. "I feigned sickness once more and was moved with the child to the zenana hospital. There I was detained in a ward with

my baby, a ruse on the part of the Australian woman doctor.

"But outside the hospital, my doctor had set his gang to keep watch. Fortunately they went to sleep, and a rescue squad headed by a white man got into the hospital and rescued me and the child. We were rushed into a waiting car and promptly moved to a village 65 miles away."

Two days later the European who had organised the rescue left for Bombay, ostensibly on business. At a secret rendezvous he picked up Doris and her baby and took them with him to the High Commissioner's Office. The High Commissioner heard her story with amazement and promptly got things moving.

The following day Doris was put on board the Strathmore and sailed safely.

Her brother-in-law, Mr George Tanner, who now lives in London, has put the full facts of this amazing story before the High Commissioner for India, who is taking the matter up with the Commonwealth Relations Office. He is asking for criminal proceedings to be taken against Mrs Butler's abductor.

He met Mrs Butler at Tilbury and took her to a place where she will remain until arrangements can be made to find her a job and arrange for the welfare of 10-month-old Peter, her son by her forced marriage.

Mrs Butler said: "I have come over here hoping that something can be done to get me justice. But I do not know how. I am going to live. I would take any kind of work, however hard, which would enable me to keep baby Peter with me. If I cannot find something to do, Peter will have to go into an institution. My brother-in-law George, has done everything a man can do, but he cannot afford to keep me and my baby."

THEY FLEE FROM \$1000

By R. M. McColl

NEW YORK.

THE land of the mighty dollar? Money talks? Not for Mrs Katherin Brkijac, a Yugoslav.

She landed in New York on a Sunday with her 11-year-old daughter, and proudly clutching a 1,000-dollar bill.

Nobody would touch the thing. Taximen drove off in horror. Restaurant proprietors waved it away. Finally, a charitable society got credit for mother and daughter in an hotel.

Monday, and the banks open. Surely Mrs Brkijac's troubles were ended. But no.

The first bank she went into said it had not got its "measuring board" handy. (A measuring board is a device for determining whether torn bills are still valid currency.) Mrs Brkijac's note was brand new, so the measuring board did not really seem to be called for.

Another bank said it liked the note just fine—but could not cash it "until it has been cleared by the Government Reserve Bank."

Finally, the Government Reserve people did agree to accept it.

Said Mrs Brkijac: "What do they have 1,000-dollar bills for if you can't spend them?"

BACK into the "great debate" comes a great American.

The debate is on whether America shall stand fully with her friends in Europe or retreat into ex-President Hoover's brand of isolationism.

The man is Senator Arthur Vandenberg, of Michigan.

Two years ago Vandenberg underwent a severe lung operation. Ever since he has chafed in his home at Grand Rapids, longing to get back into harness, but forbidden by his doctors. Now, although they still shake their heads, Vandenberg is coming back.

He is a Republican, and thus nominally opposed to Truman politically. But he has always been a staunch supporter of most of Truman's foreign policy.

His prestige among both Democrats and Republicans is unassailable. His disinterestedness and integrity are bywords. He plans to reach Washington just as Congress starts discussing the crucial question of sending more American soldiers over to Europe.

And even if he is yet not strong enough for the hurly-burly of a full-dress debate, everybody agrees that in private talks with dissenting Republicans his great influence can help to produce a final "Yes."

SHOCKED horror among the playboys down in old New Orleans for flamboyant Frank Clancy, sheriff of Jefferson County, has suddenly clamped down on all gambling in his parish.

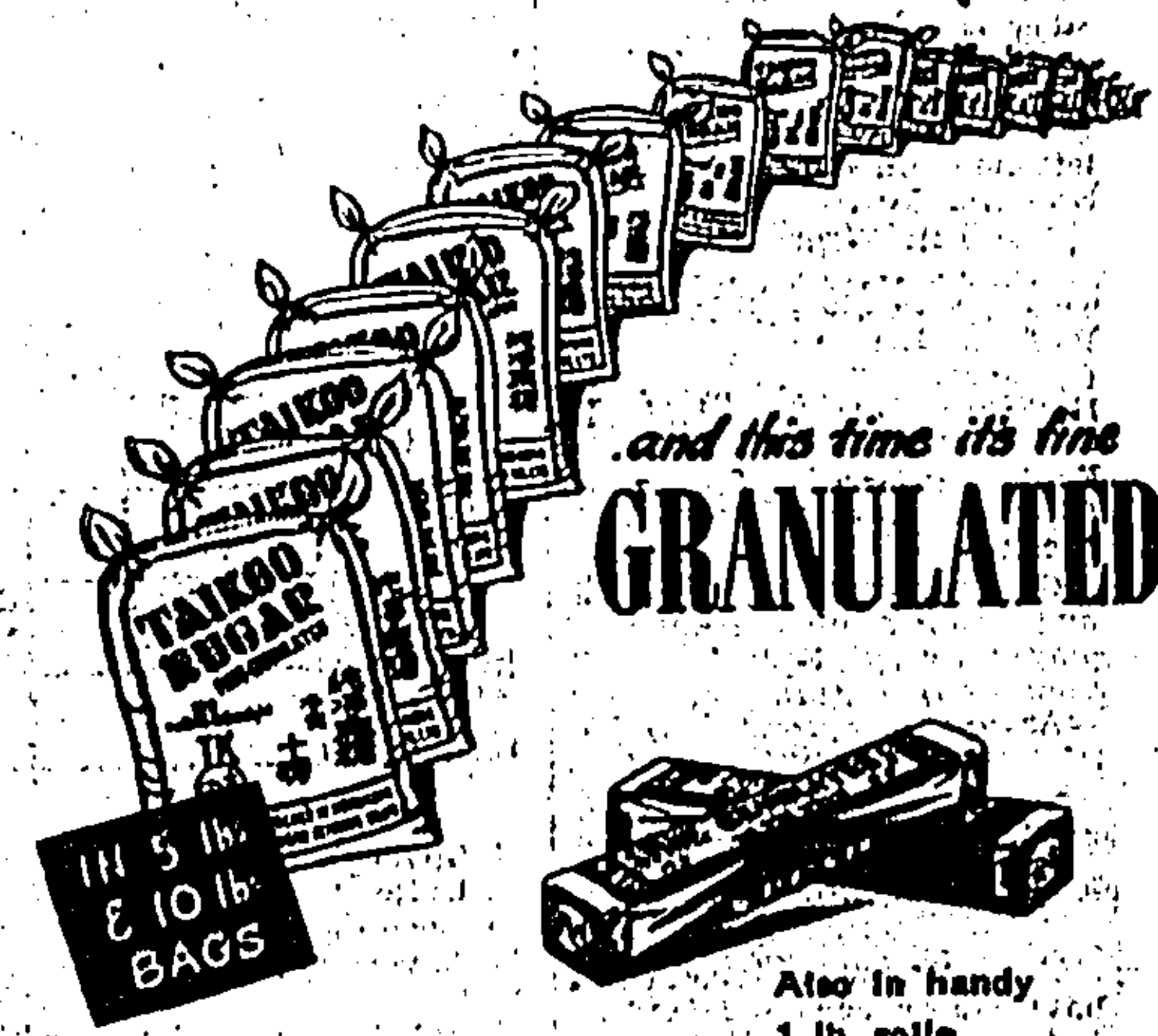
What New Orleans people want a whirl on the roulette wheels they go outside the city limits. There they find glittering casinos and night clubs doing roaring business. And nearly all these gambling spots are in "Clancy's Kingdom." Says Clancy, who wears a cowboy suit in his office: "I'm through taking the rap for the gamblers."

Additional note of gloom: It has happened just before Mardi Gras, New Orleans' traditional giant bling.

BLIND GIRLS are being recruited as typists by the U.S. Government. It tried 30 as an experiment, which was "highly successful." Salaries range from \$283 to \$284 yearly.

WHEN Corporal Earl Booth, of the U.S. Fifth Cavalry Division, sitting in a sawy foxhole in Korea, received a demand for \$7 7/8. 8d. on an old grocer's bill, he sent back a bundle of North Korean money in payment. The collecting agency has solemnly sent him a receipt for 1s. 9d., pointing out that North Korean money "has depreciated."

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Another Tale Of Missed Chances

HONGKONG NEEDS AN ENTIRELY NEW FORWARD LINE

Once again a woeful tale of missed chances and scratching and pawing at the goalmouth unfolded itself when the Hongkong and Kowloon XI went down by three goals to two to the Danish Boldklubben at Boundary Street yesterday, and gave cause to the renewal of that hue and cry for the training of a completely new forward line-up for Hongkong's future representative matches.

For the Danes, it was their farewell match in Hongkong and, already trailing far behind either the Halsinborgs or Djurgardens in record of achievement, they were all out for their last kick with a gusto that sometimes seemed to be a little too robust for the Hongkong crowd's liking.

On the whole, the game fell much below standard. The main reason for this appeared to be the excessive use of their weight by the visitors, the shoot and run tactics by the Hongkong forwards, and the almost complete absence of combined movements on either side.

For Hongkong, the defence was again the mainstay of the team. Hau Yung-sang at right-back, and Tung Shing at left-half were the pick of the defenders. Yue Yiu-tak in goal seemed to be a little slower than his usual form and the two goals that went past him in the first half were not unsavable shots.

Lai Wai at left-back bore more than his share in scolding the Danish attack which was directed for the major period of the play from his side, but he too was not at his best.

The Danes' first goal in the 34th minute of the first half, was the direct result of a miskick from him. In the forward line,

only Chang Kam-hoi and Au Chi-yin could be said to be deserving of their choice.

ONE FORWARD SHORT
Chang was the brains of the attack, sending through some beautiful passes to his forwards, but an inclination to stay too far down field and an inability to follow up left the forward line short of one forward during the whole game.

Au was a good opportunist and with a little more big match experience and steadiness in his parting shots may still be a future star forward. Both he, and Lee Chun-fat, however, were monotonously caught offside in the second half, when the Danish defence adopted the off-side play.

The Danes took the field without their two star-forwards, Aage Rou Jensen and Jens Torstensen, and their regular goalkeeper, Nielsen, and for the first 25 minutes lacked a leader in the forward line.

Mainstays of their team were their left-back, Jorgen Nielsen and later Jack Johnsen at right half. Jensen came into the team in the 25th minute as centre-forward and it was through his openings that the Danes scored all their goals.

Hongkong took the lead in the 13th minute of the first half when Yuen Yiu-lam sent in a perfect centre to the far end of the goal. Rushing in, Ho Ying-fan took the ball on his head, but his header hit the crossbar and rebounded to Au Chi-yin who had no difficulty in heading it into the open goal.

THE DANES
In the 30th minute, Jensen, who had come into the side five minutes before, equalised for the Danes with a grand long shot from 25 yards out. Taking the ball up a few yards from a half-pass, he left-drove a fast low shot just inside the upright with Yuen diving fruitlessly for it.

The next minute, the Danes increased their lead as a result of a good combined zig-zag movement on the right flank. Gathering the ball from mid-field, right-wing Petersen tipped it across to inside-right Poulsen, who in turn tapped it first time to Jensen. Jensen then fired it back to the open space past left-back Lai Wai. Running up, Poulsen slammed a rising shot past the outstretched hands of Yuen.

At half-time the Danes were leading by 2-1.
Fifteen minutes after the resumption, Hongkong equalised, when left-wing Yuen Yiu-lam beat the Danish right-back and sent in a high centre into the goalmouth. Racing in, Ho Ying-fan gave the goalie a fair charge, just before he got the ball, and tapped it into the net.

The winning goal for the Danes came in the 30th minute of the second half. Inside-right Poulsen got past Lai Wai and drove in a low cross shot within 15 yards range. Watson of Navy, who had replaced Yuen Yiu-tak at the beginning of the second half, dived for the ball, but just managed to deflect it to the half rolled to Jensen.

THE TEAMS
Danish Boldklubben: Helge Sandberg (later replaced by Eigil Nielsen after injury); Elmer Andersen, Jorgen Nielsen (Ernst Eriksen in second half); Ernst Eriksen (Jack Johnsen in second half), Robert Nielsen, Finn Hansen, Karl Petersen, Knud Poulsen, Jack Johnsen (Aage Rou Jensen in second half); Leif Pedersen, Jorgen Nielsen 11.

Hongkong and Kowloon Combined: Yuen Yiu-tak (Watson in second half); Hau Yung-sang, Lai Wai, Fung Kwan-sung, Hung Hing-yuk, Ton Sheng, Ho Ying-fan, Lee Chun-fat, Chang Kam-hoi, Au Chi-yin, Yuen Yiu-lam.

TENNIS RESULTS
The following are the results of matches played in the Colony Open Tennis, Singles Championships at Chater Road yesterday.

1st Koon-hung beat A. Bayot 6-2, 6-1; J. V. Sellers beat Fritz Donald 6-1, 6-1; Norman Lo beat Donald Lo 6-1, 6-1; H. A. Ayres beat Ho Ka-lau 5-4, 7-5; J. M. Spence beat Cheung Kai-ching 6-4, 6-0; W. A. Wang beat Thomas Lo 6-0, 6-0; J. F. Mackie beat George Lau 6-0, 6-0.

... AND THIS WAS ONE OF THEM!



This picture shows one of many scoring chances missed by the Combined Hongkong and Kowloon XI in their match against the Danish Boldklubben team at Boundary Street. In a rush for the ball from a left-wing centre, Au Chi-yin, the local inside-left, beat Danish goalkeeper Sandberg and centre-half Nielsen to it, but his header, which appears in the picture to send the ball into the open goal, went just a few inches wide of it.—Photo by China Mail Staff Photographer.

Inter-hong & Ladies' Junior League Competitions Will Be Started Next Month

By "GRANDSTAND"

A recent meeting of the General Council of the Softball Association decided that competition for the Victor Mamak Shield would commence some time in March. The contest which has been known as the Ladies' Junior League, will be open to all teams to the exclusion of the Wahoes who are the Senior League title holders.

Owing to the congestion in the schedule as a result of having to arrange for all League games to be played off on one ground, the tournament will be conducted on a straight knockout system.

The General Council have also set March 10 as the opening date for the popular Inter-Hong League, the trophy for this being donated by San Miguel Brewery. Teams who intend participating in these two series of games should send in their entries to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. A. Ablong, as soon as possible.

The Ladies' Junior title was won by St. Teresa's last year in a close finish in which they just managed to oust the then powerful White Fangs out of the running. With the growing enthusiasm for this pastime among women the coming series should be keenly contested for.

MORE ACCOMMODATION

Fans who have been looking forward to the important Senior League series will be glad to learn that the Association have taken definite steps to provide suitable accommodation for regular fans.

Additional seating facilities have been added to the existing bleachers and official passes are being issued to the public through members of the General Council.

These passes will be distributed free of charge, and keen followers are requested to apply for these through the Hon. Secretary or any member of the Council.

As an indication of the all-out efforts of the Association to make the Senior League finals a success, all team managers have been informed that their players must appear on the diamond in full uniform and any deviation from this ruling which produces a slipshod spectacle will not be tolerated.

A revised schedule has been received from the Management Committee and the playoffs for March 16 circuit are slated for.

Players who have their eyes on the batting title should note that the Council have confirmed that the minimum requirements for official recognition are a minimum of nine games and 22

WEEK-END SOFTBALL

The Softball League programme for the weekend with umpires and scorers is:

SATURDAY JUNIOR LEAGUE PLAYOFF

2.00 p.m. D'Almeida v Black-hawks
(George Pang, Tony Rey, G. Pomeroy, Hal Wingless).

3.30 p.m. Dragons v Rexes (T. Kwok, J. Silva, G. Ribeiro, Irene Botelho).

SUNDAY SENIOR LEAGUE

9.30 a.m. St. Teresa's v Juggernauts (Hal Wingless, G. Pang, Rene Botelho).

11.00 a.m. South China v St. Joseph's (Frank Ewins, U. Moe, V. Pedruco, Irene Botelho).

2.00 p.m. Braves v Overalls (Blm Ablong, Les Castro, Fung Kwong).

3.30 p.m. Pandas v Canadians (Chas. Figueredo, Tony Kwok, B. Silva, Alice Mar).

LADIES' LEAGUE
12.30 p.m. Canadians v Wahoes (P. K. Lau, Sherry Buckle, P. Ozorio, Roberto Nunes).

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Treat For Our Tennis Fans

Local tennis enthusiasts will be in for a rare treat tomorrow, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, when the American and Swedish tennis stars, Miss Dorothy Head, Fred Kovaleski, Irvin Dorfman and Sven Davidson will be seen in action on the local Courts.

Two Singles and one Doubles game have been arranged for tomorrow at the Hongkong Cricket Club ground at Chater Road, commencing 4 p.m.

In the first Singles match, Miss Dorothy Head will meet Mrs. Mary Chow, the local Ladies' Singles Champion. In the second Singles match, Ip Koon-hung will be pitted against Sven Davidson.

The Doubles match will see Dorfman and Kovaleski in action against Colonel Spence and Edwin Tsai.

On Sunday, another two Singles and one Doubles game have been arranged. These games will take place at the Chinese Recreation Club at Tai Hang, commencing 3 p.m.

In the first match, Miss Dorothy Head will play against Norman Lo, Hongkong University Champion. This game will be followed by another Singles match, in which K. C. Dao will meet Sven Davidson.

In the Doubles match, Ip Koon-hung, partnered by Sven Davidson, will oppose Dorfman and Kovaleski.

The programme for Monday and Tuesday at Chater Road will be announced later. Prices of admission to these exhibition games will be \$10 for kids and \$5 for standing room. Tickets will be available at the gate.

Police Hockey Team Against Macao

Police v Macao Hockey Club at Boundary Street tomorrow at 3.30 p.m. Starter: Hayward, Min Singh; Apps, Yusuf, Debra Singh; Reynolds, Stevens, Cox, March and Thon. Reserves: Irwin, Schouten, Bilingworth and Moss.

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at 5.30 p.m. on 27th February, 1951.

The Draw will be held at the Public Betting Hall, the Race Course, at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 28th February, 1951.

By Order.
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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS ANNUAL RACE MEETING

Saturday 24th, Wednesday 28th February and Saturday 3rd March 1951

The First Bet will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12.00 Noon, each day. The fifth interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.).

There are eleven races each day (33 in all). The "Pearce Memorial Cup" is scheduled to be run on the Second Day, Wednesday, 28th February, Race No. 6 at 3.30 p.m.

Through Tickets at \$66.00 each may be obtained at the Comptroller's Office of the Treasurers, 1st floor, Telephone House, also tickets at \$2.00 each for the Special Cash Sweep on the "Pearce Memorial Cup" the sale of which will close at 5.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 27th February.

Through Tickets reserved for this Meeting but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on 27th February, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Club's Offices at Telephone House, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at:

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MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

SETS OF MEMBERS' AND LADIES' BADGES WILL NOT BE ISSUED FOR THE 1951 RACING SEASON UNTIL 1ST APRIL, 1951. 1950 SETS ARE VALID UNTIL THEN.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the CLUB COURSE.

The Treasurers' Comptroller's Office and the Secretary's Office will close at 10.00 a.m. each day. Both offices at 1st floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27810).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB DURING THE RACE MEETING.

MEALS AND refreshments WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

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Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

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BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

Favourites Have A Field Day

By "ARGONAUT"

Favourites had a field day in yesterday's matches in the Colony Badminton Championships, all winning by comfortable margins.

The closest game was seen in the Men's Junior Singles between the two Chinese YMCA lefthanders, M. T. Lam and C. C. Wong, and although it went to only two sets, every point was bitterly contested.

Wong was the harder smasher, but lacked the classy drops of his opponent, who enjoyed a slight advantage in

court-coverage. Wong led 5-3 and 10-8 in the first set, but failed to press home the lead. Cleverly passing Wong in his follow-ups for his smashes, with hard returns to the base, Lam collected the last seven points in two services. Leading all the way in the second set, Lam comfortably won it by 15-8.

SCHOOL SPIRIT

Surprising resistance was offered to the St. Teresa pair of J. A. Motta and Melville Soares in the Junior Mixed Doubles by the only schoolboy and schoolgirl entry in the event, that of Johnny Remedios and M. Armulphy.

Though the loser, Johnny Pomeroy, generally conceded as one of the most promising young players in the Colony today, an excellent account of himself, and held more than his own against Motta.

The Pomeroy-Armulphy combination led by 8-3 in the first set before going down by 15-8. Making their first appearance in the tournament, the new team-up of Ullian Khoo and Winnie Cheung, regarded as the strongest contenders for the Ladies' Doubles title this year, started a buzz among the spectators when in their opening set against Recrio's Inez Soares and Rita Marques, they gave away six points without scoring any.

Gradually settling down to a steady game, they chalked up 12 points without reply and despite the valiant fight by the Recrio junior pair, annexed the first set 15-6. The plucky Recrio players were up against the two potential champions at their best in the second set, and the six points that they were able to score spoke highly of the game fight that they put up.

THE RESULTS

Junior Men's Singles—M. T. Lam beat C. C. Wong 15-12, 15-8.

Junior Mixed Doubles—J. A. Motta & Mrs. J. A. Soares beat J. Pomeroy & Miss M. Armulphy 15-8, 15-9.

Ladies' Singles—Miss Gloria Silva beat Miss B. Remedios 11-6, 11-6.

Junior Men's Doubles—A. J. Souza & F. M. Rosario beat H. Ridsdale & A. L. Fisher 15-2, 15-1.

Ladies' Doubles—Ullian Khoo & Winnie Cheung beat I. Soares & R. Marques 15-9, 15-6.

Senior Mixed Doubles—M. A. Oliveira & Mrs. C. M. Quinn beat Ramon Young & Miss Helen Kwong (w.o.).

TONIGHT'S GAMES

7.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Singles): Tan Leong-hon v L. H. Erickson;

8.00 p.m. (Ladies' Singles): Miss M. Ribeiro v Mrs. L. Benjamin;

8.30 p.m. (Junior Mixed Doubles): M. T. Lam & Miss H. P. C. Soyars v R. M. Soares & Mrs. O. C. Soyars;

9.00 p.m. (Junior Men's Singles): F. W. Kwong v Jimmy Koo;

9.30 p.m. (Senior Mixed Doubles): Bill Fung & Miss J. Greenhalgh v C. K. Lee & Miss Ivy Choong;

10.00 p.m. (Senior Mixed Doubles): P. H. Wong & Miss Ullian Khoo v H. F. Goncalves & Mrs. H. F. Goncalves.

John Goddard To Lead West Indies In Australia

Kingston, Jamaica, Feb. 21.

John Goddard, who led the side which beat England in the Test series last summer, has accepted the captaincy of the West Indies cricket team to tour Australia this year.—Reuter.

Welsh Soccer Team Against Ireland

London, Feb. 21.

Noel Kinsey, Norwich City inside forward who has played brilliant football this season, has been chosen for the Welsh soccer team to play against Ireland at Belfast on March 7.

It is a good week for Kinsey who on Monday was nominated as one of the London Football Combination players for the match against the Paris League on March 1.

Kinsey replaces Allen of Coventry City, and the only other change in the Welsh side, beaten by England last November, is the return of Ron Burgess, the Tottenham Hotspur left half, in place of Lucas of Swansea Town.

The full Welsh team is: Hughes (Luton), Barnes (Arsenal), Sherwood (Cardiff City), Paul (Manchester City), Daniels (Arsenal), Burgess (Tottenham Hotspur), Griffiths (Leicester City), Kinsey (Norwich City), Ford (Sunderland), Allchurch (Swansea Town), Clarke (Manchester City).

Goalkeeper Hughes of Luton and Daniels of Arsenal have played very little football for their League teams this season.—Associated Press.

Non-Starters At Race Meeting

The Hongkong Jockey Club have announced that the following ponies are not likely to start at the Annual Race Meeting which is being held on February 24 and 25 and March 3:

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MARY MACKINTOSH, Hon. Secretary.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY 17th MARCH, 1951

The Society's St. Patrick's Day dinner and Dance will be held in the "Gripps", Hong Kong Hotel, on Friday, 16th March, 1951.

A circular giving the fullest details will shortly be received by members, but in the event of non-delivery, members are requested to apply to the Hon. Secretary for further copies.

Early application for invitations should be made as numbers will be strictly limited. All applications must reach the Hon. Secretary before the 10th March, 1951.

All Irishmen and women, and persons of Irish Association not yet members are cordially invited to join the Society. Membership application forms may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary.

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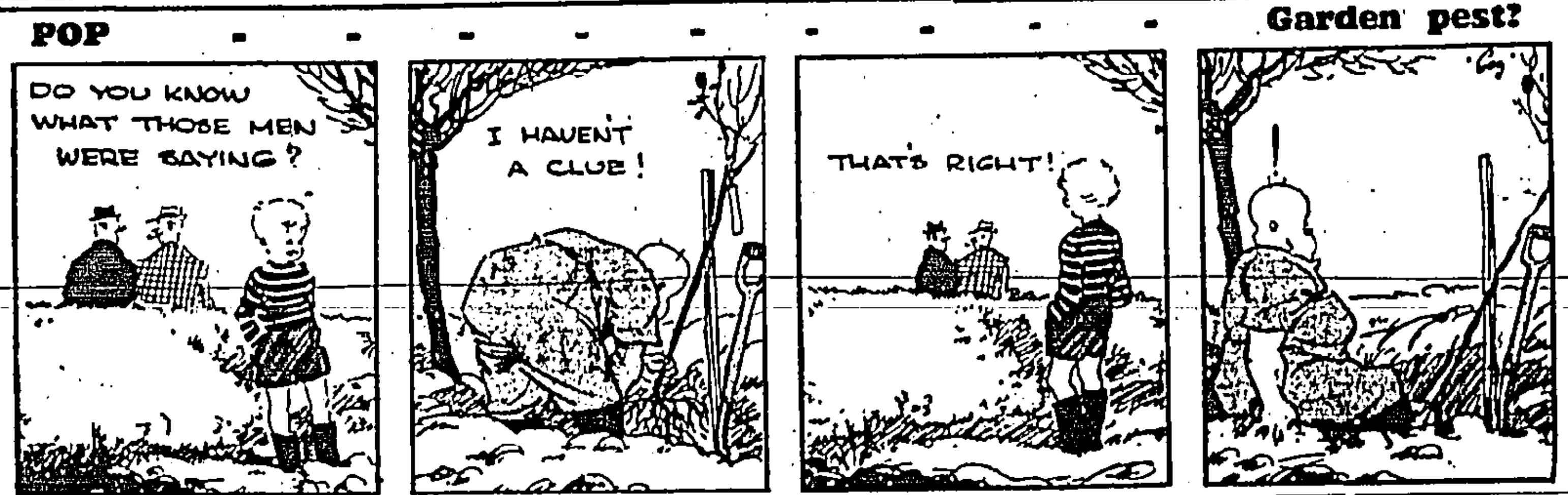
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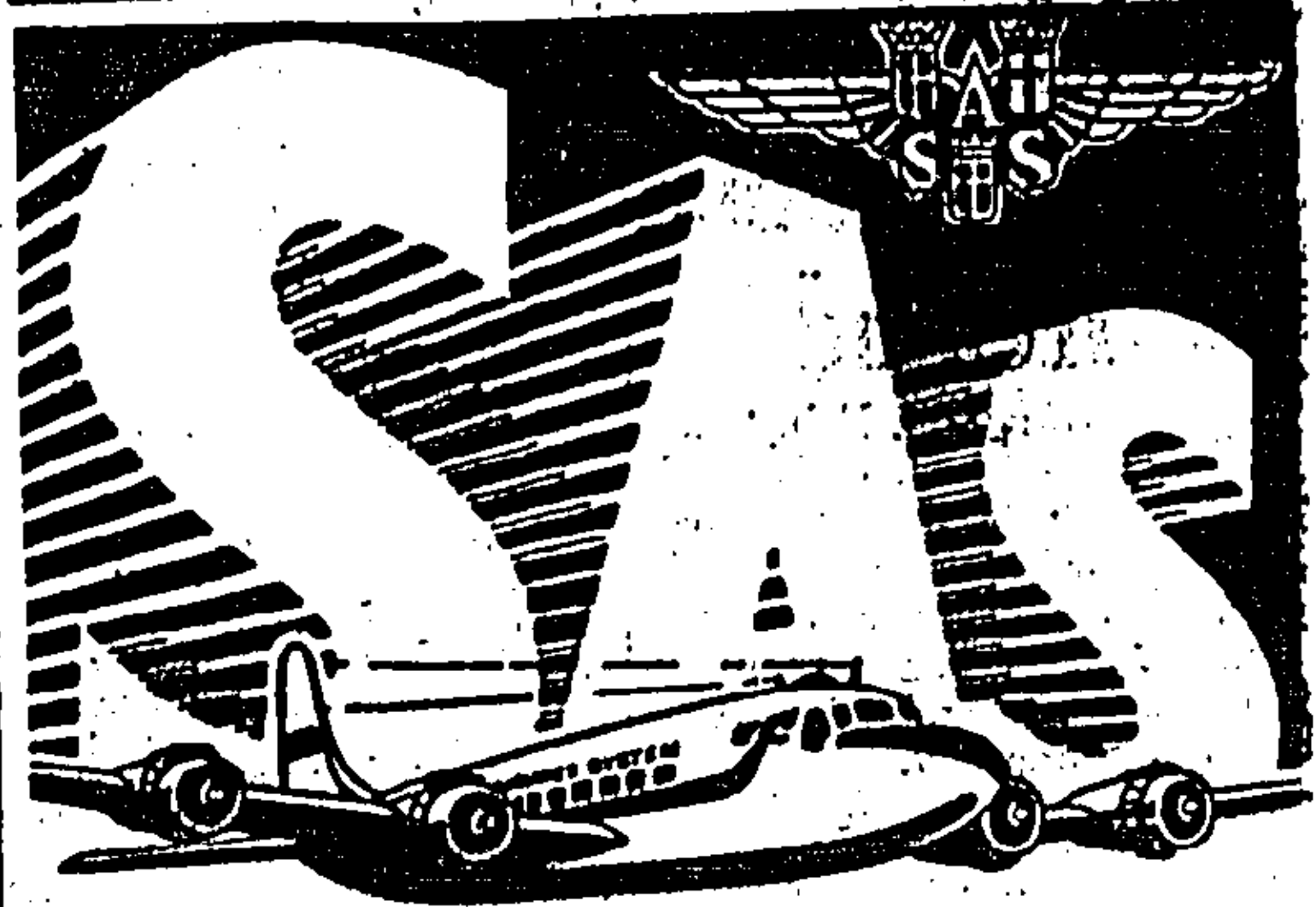
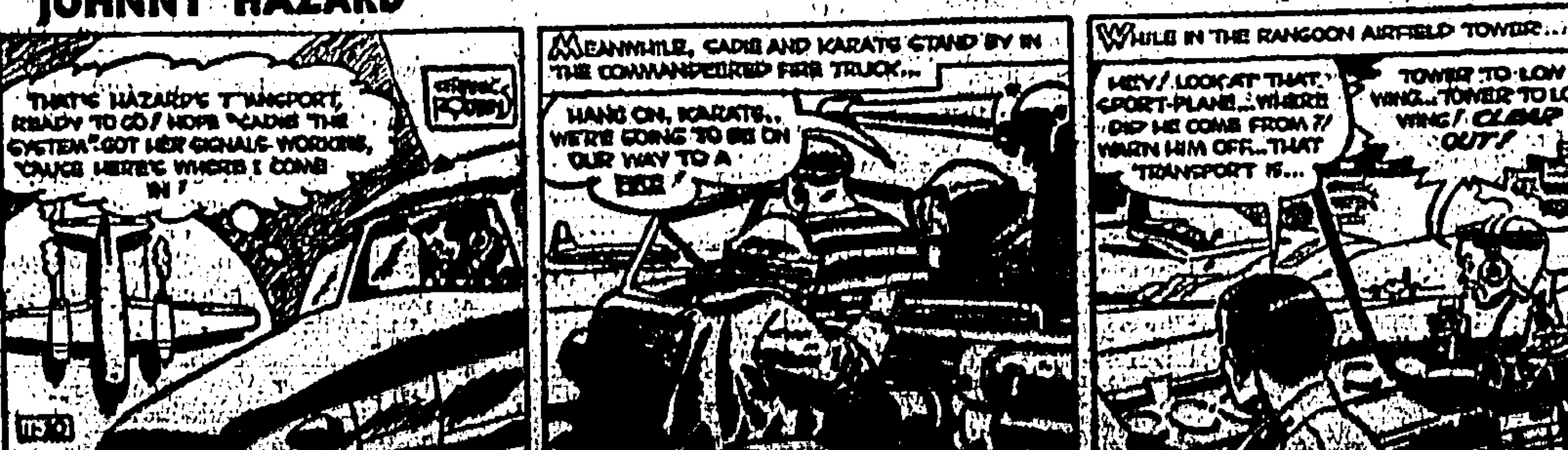
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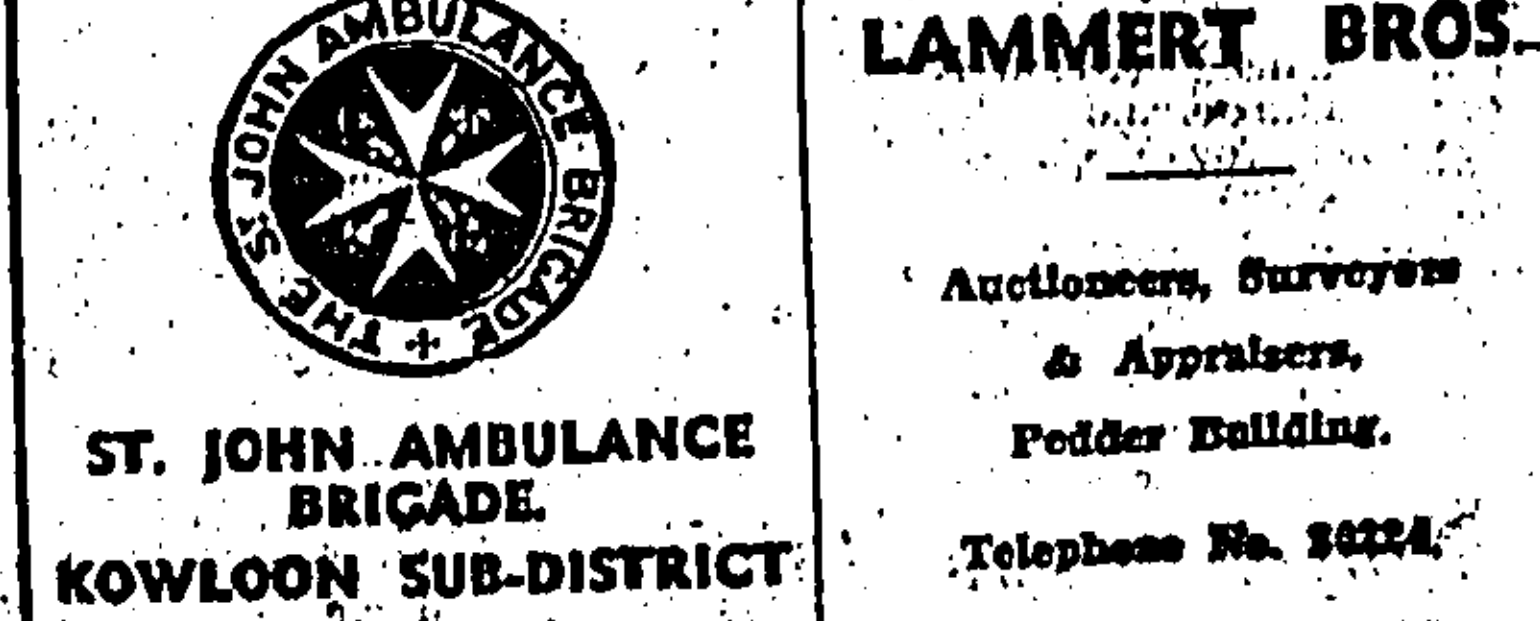
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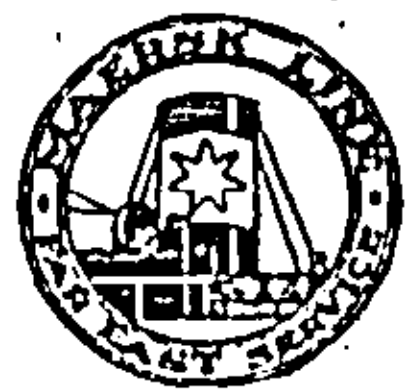
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EMBARKATION: Will take place on SATURDAY the 24TH FEBRUARY between 9.30 a.m. and 11 a.m. when to enter the ship.

Peking Valuation Of U.S. Dollar

San Francisco, Feb. 21. Peking Radio said tonight that in China the American dollar dropped 45 percent in value from April, 1950, to January, 1951.

The exchange rate for the United States dollar dropped 11 percent from April to June last year, but fell heavily by 39 percent from June 25, 1950, to January 24, 1951.

Foreign exchange quotations of the Found Sterling had also dropped—37 percent since the outbreak of the Korean war, the Radio said.—Reuter.

WALL ST. HAS SLOW SESSION

New York, Feb. 21. Despite the threat of late selling, the stock market managed to advance today in the slowest session in more than three months.

The pace of business was at its peak while prices were advancing in the fore part of the session, but when quotations steadied or started to decline the amount of business dwindled fast.

In the final hour, a great number of the gains were cut back and some changed over to the losing side, but at the close, the plus signs still had a three to one edge.

A considerable share of the quietness of the market may be ascribed to Thursday's holiday for Washington's Birthday. Such a mid-week holiday has a habit of promoting long week-ends for those fortunate enough to get away, and there are undoubtedly a number in Wall Street in that class.

There was no overriding news to influence the course of the market, and that left the field wide open for corporate developments to have their greatest effect.

Transfers were 1,070,000—slowest since Nov. 15.

Six hundred and six issues advanced and 291 declined. There were 47 new highs and only two new lows.

Among the gainers were Continental Oil, General Public Service, Equitable Office Building, Gulf Oil, Douglas Aircraft, Baltimore and Ohio.

Stumblers included Calumet and Hecla, Baldwin Lima, American Locomotive.

Dow Jones averages:
Stocks 94.33
20 Industrials 252.28
15 Rails 86.69
10 Utilities 42.99

—Associated Press.

Japanese Bonds In New York

New York, Feb. 21. Some Japanese bonds today showed recoveries from recent losses in the foreign dollar market, but the movement was spotty and others continued to slide.

Orient Development sixes climbed four points at 59-1/2. Ujigawa Electric Power sevens were up 3/4 at 70-1/2 and Taiwan Electric Power a five and a half were up two at 56. But Tokyo City 5-1/2 fell 1/4 to 4-1/2 and Japan 6-1/2 were down 1/4 at 78.—Associated Press.

Aluminium Ban

Washington, Feb. 21. The National Production Authority today banned the use of aluminium after June 30, in windows and in heating ventilating and air conditioning air ducts. Until June 30, manufacturers of aluminium windows are restricted to 65 percent of their average monthly use of aluminium in the first half of 1950.—United Press.

NEW ALLOY

Technicians are experimenting with possible combinations of aluminium and titanium, another light, strong and corrosion-resistant metal. A very

Trade Boom In NW China Claimed

San Francisco, Feb. 21. The Chinese Red radio today said trade and agriculture were booming in Sinkiang, far Northwest frontier province where Russia has special oil and uranium interests.

The Peking broadcast, heard by the Associated Press in San Francisco, said that in the year since the province was taken from the Nationalists, 700 new industrial and commercial concerns have been established at Tientsin, capital of Sinkiang.

The broadcast made no mention of mining developments in the metal-rich province. The only reference to Russia was a statement that trade with that country had been quickly restored and had helped to revive Sinkiang's economy.

In March last year, Russia, it was reported, had agreed to supply Sinkiang with oil and uranium. The broadcast said the oil and

America Planning Extension Of Aluminium Output

New York, Feb. 21. Plans are under discussion to expand the capacity of the American aluminium industry to a metal output seven times greater than was achieved during 1940.

Production in 1950 was about 1,435m. lbs, some 19 percent above the 1949 level of 1,207m. lbs, and was exceeded only in the mid-war years of 1943 and 1944.

By making use of several standby plants now in process of reactivation, output can probably be increased 18 percent by the middle of the year.

The U.S. Government has assured aluminium producers of a number of measures of help and support, including responsibility for sale of output of expanded factories for five years, either to industry or to the Government stockpile.

The three outstanding aluminium producers in the U.S. have made arrangements with the Government to increase their capacity by about 640m. lbs by 1952. Negotiations are pending with several other concerns to enter the field.

While production is being increased in the first half-year, curtailed civilian output will have to pay for larger military requirements, which are still moving rather slowly from planning and blueprint stages into the level of specific factory orders.

Among U.S. Government moves to assist aluminium producers are that companies will be able to amortize their new facilities in five years, as during the war. To raise capital necessary to complete the expansion programme, the Federal Reserve system has been authorized to guarantee so-called "V" notes.

The Federal authorities have assured the industry of assistance to provide the huge amount of electric energy for expanded aluminium production, or to absorb part of the cost of utilizing more expensive sources of power.

There is a tendency in some industrial and financial quarters to view expansion to meet rearmament needs with alarm because of the potential danger of over-production during future periods when war clouds may have disappeared.

Such apprehensions are not necessarily justified in the case of aluminium.

Since 1946 peace-time consumption of aluminium and its various alloys has doubled in the U.S. as a result of the many new uses which have been found and developed in recent years.

There is no doubt that laboratories and technicians will discover future applications, and with the scarcity of other metals, aluminium is considered to have an excellent chance of maintaining its leading industrial position.

At present, increased use of the metal is predicted in motor-car production, in building and kitchen utensils, and items such as ladders.

Indeed, transportation and building products are already a substantial part of the industry's output, and military procurement is an indication of the progress which has been made. Substantial amounts of aluminium are used today in such items as landing mats, tactical and floating bridges for military use, radar and portable control towers, portable shelters and new bazookas firing rockets.

Considerable improvement has also been made in the development of rolled aluminium tapered sheet and plate, and in respect of new magnesium alloys, and in the technique of casting plane wings of magnesium.

Leading industrialists were dull.

Commodity shares generally followed the prevailing trend. In the mining list, coppers showed firmness. Profit-taking continued in rubber shares.

Financial Times' index 122.0.—Associated Press.

Uganda Cotton Processing

Nairobi, Feb. 21. The Colonial Office has rejected proposals submitted by the Government of Uganda for the reorganization of the Uganda cotton spinning (processing) industry.

The scheme was designed to give Africans a larger share in the industry, which is mainly in the hands of Indians.

Discussion of a possible alternative plan has already begun. It is learned, Cotton spinning circles in Uganda believe that the Colonial Office is still considering some form of nationalisation.—Reuter.

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U.S. Production

Washington, Feb. 21. The United States production of goods and services increased seven and a half per cent from 1949 to 1950, the largest gain for any postwar year, the Commerce Department reported today.

The 1950 output totalled \$153,000 million compared with the 1949 output of \$142,300 million and a 1939 output of \$91,300 million.

All the calculations were based on the purchasing value of the dollar in 1939.—Reuter.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

Sterling note (per £) 15.58
U.S. dollars (per \$1) 6.105
Indonesian guilders (per 100) 3.80
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"TJIFANAS" 8th Mar.	
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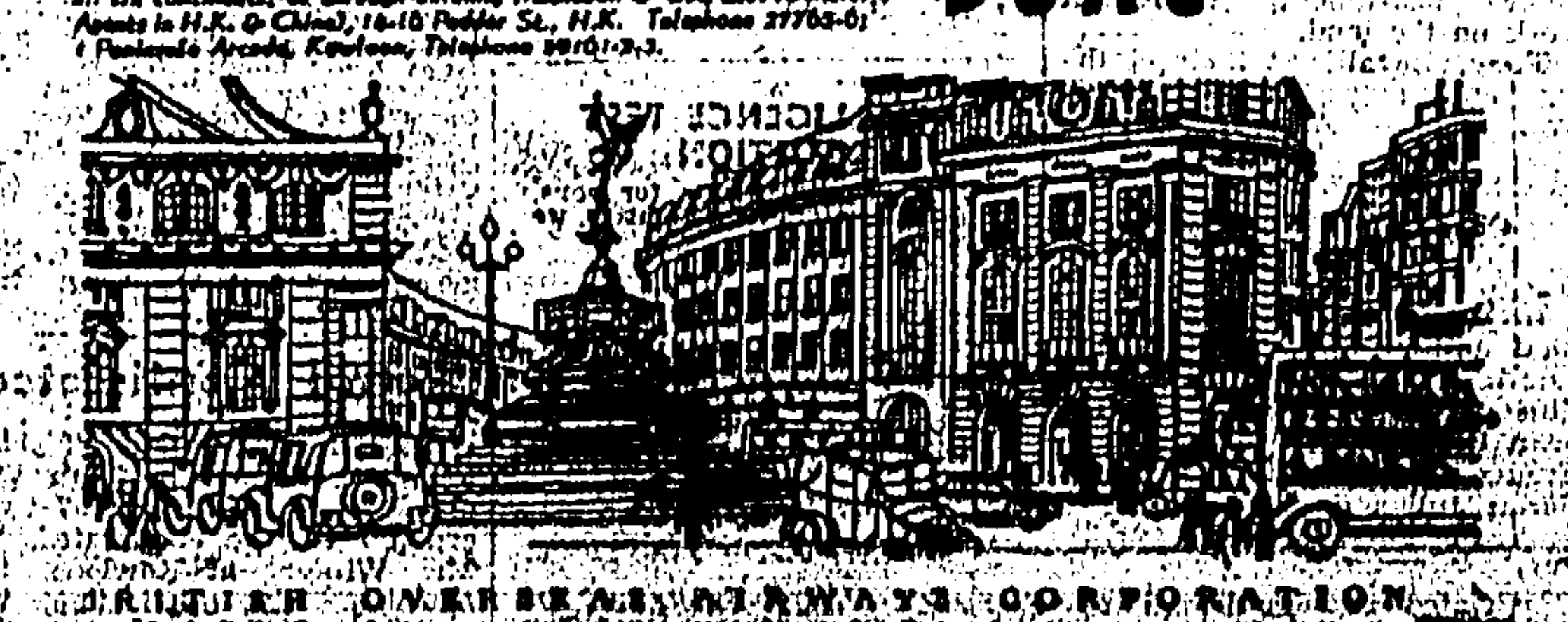
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A surface mail to United Kingdom per RMS Cebu will be closed on February 21. This mail is expected to arrive in London on or about March 22.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22
Closing Times By Air
Burma, India, Pakistan, Iraq, Iran, Egypt, East & South Africa, Mauritius, Great Britain, 5 p.m.
Europe and France, 5 p.m.
Siam, Malaya & Indonesia, 5 p.m.
Japan & Korea, 6 p.m.
Philippines, 6 p.m.
Indo-China & French North Africa, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23
Closing Times By Air
B.N. Borneo, Australia and New Zealand, 5 p.m.
Philippines, Hawaii & U.S.A. (letters second class mail and parcels) Guam, (letters and second class mail) Canada (letters only), 5 p.m.
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24
Closing Times By Air
Formosa, 3 p.m.
Siam, 5 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea
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Closing Times By Air
Philippines & B.N. Borneo, Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Iraq, Iran, Egypt, East & South Africa, Mauritius, Great Britain, Italy, N.W. Europe and France, 5 p.m.
Japan & Korea, 5 p.m.
Indo-China, 5 p.m.
Formosa, 5 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea
Philippines, 9 a.m.
Formosa, 10 a.m.
U.S.A. & Canada, 2 p.m.

Norway To Increase Armed Force
Oslo, Feb. 21.—Norway will increase her armed forces by about 30 per cent within the next two years, aiming at a total mobilised force of about 270,000 men by the end of 1952, the Defence Minister, M. Jens Hauge, announced here today.

The Army would have four field divisions and the Air Force 11 squadrons, including jet fighter planes.

The Army, Air Force and anti-aircraft artillery would be double their present strength. The Navy, in accordance with Atlantic Pact plans, would concentrate on coastal defence.

The United States was supplying 10 destroyers and three mine boats under the military aid programme—Reuter.

78 Charges Of Assault

Johannesburg, Feb. 21.—Leather-thonged whips, home-made truncheons and other weapons were exhibited in Delmas, Transvaal, Court on Wednesday when a 40-year-old farmer, Max Mann, his foreman, 31-year-old Johannes Pieters, and six African "Boss" boys appeared at an inquiry into allegations involving 78 counts of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

A number of African workers employed by Mann gave evidence of being locked up every night in a room on the farm too small for most of them to lie down, and of being threatened daily with whips and other instruments while at work on the land.

They also alleged their clothing and money were taken from them.—Associated Press.

Britain's New Rocket Launcher



AMERICA'S HITTING POWER

Washington, Feb. 21. Lieutenant-General Curtis E. Lemay, chief of the United States Strategic Air Command, told Senators today that the strategic bomber was the only effective weapon the United States had against Russia in the case of war.

He was testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations and Armed Services Committees on the issue of sending American troops to Europe, on the request of Mr. Kenneth Wherry, Republican Senator (Nebraska).

General Lemay said that the threat of the strategic bomber, rather than any ground forces in Europe, would probably deter Russia from beginning a general war in the next two or three years. But he favoured the Government's plans to send six divisions of American troops to serve in a combined European defence force.

"I think we know more about long-bombing than any of our Allies and it seems reasonable that that should be our major contribution," he said.

Asked if Russia could be knocked out this way, he said, "I don't know—that is my job, to try and achieve that."—Reuter.

Lord Hall Optimistic On Defence

London, Feb. 21. The First Lord of the Admiralty, Lord Hall, said today that the combined resources of Britain, the United States and other countries, if properly assembled, would enable them to "beat off any attack if called upon to do so."

He was speaking on the first day of a two-day debate on defence in the House of Lords. Lord Hall said that Britain had nearly a million men. Most of the heaviest guns had been increased in efficiency by conversion to fully automatic control. The rest were being converted.

Seen firing from a trench position is CSM Instructor Wilson, using Britain's new 3.5 rocket launcher—the infantryman's answer to the tank. The weapon, a development of the Bazooka, has had remarkable success in Korea against tanks.

LABOUR MP SEEKS GUARANTEE

London, Feb. 21. Units of the American Air Force will stay in Britain as long as the United States and the United Kingdom consider it in the interests of their common defence, the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, said today.

He was replying in the House of Commons to a Labour member, Mr. Sydney Dye, who represents a constituency in the East Anglia area where American bomber forces are stationed.

Mr. Dye asked under what agreement an American atomic base had been established in East Anglia.

He also asked if adequate compensation was provided for loss of lives or property in peacetime or as a result of a special attack in the event of war.

Mr. Attlee said that by arrangement between the two Governments, units of the United States Air Force had been stationed in Britain since the time of the Berlin airlift.

In peacetime, compensation for the loss of lives or property attributable directly to the United States forces in Britain was a matter for the United States Claims Commission, he added.

An agreement was now being negotiated which would cover "inter alia" the payment of compensation for damages suffered as the result of acts of the forces of North Atlantic Treaty powers stationed in a country other than their own. This agreement might modify the present position.

Ambulance Brigade Orders

Orders by Comm. A. el Arculli, C.S.I., J. Commissioner St. J.A.B. Hongkong District Order No. 8/51, Dated February 23, 1951.

Ambulance Duties, Hongkong, 22.2.51 to 3.3.51, South China Division, 4.4.51 to 10.3.51, Central Division.

Ambulance Duties, Kowloon, 22.2.51 to 3.3.51, Tai Po Division, 4.4.51 to 10.3.51, K.Y.M.C.A. Division.

Football Match Duties—Sat. 24th, 2.30 p.m., Caroline Hill, South China Division; Sun. 25th, 2.30 p.m., Soekpoo, Shaikwan Division; Sat. 2nd, March, Sun Nam, H.K.F.C. Ground, Wanchai, "B" Division.

Race Course Duties—Sat. 24th, 2.30 p.m., Wanchai, "A" and Motor Transport Divisions; Wed. 28th, South China and Motor Transport Divisions; Sat. 3rd, March, Sun Nam, Motor Transport Divisions.

Penetration Squad Duties—Sun. 25th, M.C. 2nd, Caroline Hill, South China Division; Sun. 25th, 2.30 p.m., Soekpoo, Shaikwan Division; Sat. 2nd, March, Sun Nam, H.K.F.C. Ground, Wanchai, "B" Division.

March 1, Chung Sing Nursing Division.

Ambulance Duties, Sundays—March 1, Western Nursing Division. Transfer—Sgt. Wong Shu-kwong transferred from duty to the "B" Division, Wanchai, "A" Div. W.S.C. 1.1.51.

Promotions & Appointments—Sgt. Wong Shu-kwong promoted A/O (on probation) w.e.f. 1.1.51. Enrolment—Pte. Tse Man-lak, Eastern Division, w.e.f. 14.3.51. Resignations—Pte. Lo Lam, Eastern Division w.e.f. 31.1.51; L/Cpl. Kan Chung-keung, K.Y.M.C.A. Division w.e.f. 16.3.51.

Charged With Robbery In Teahouse

PROSECUTION'S CASE

A robbery which was allegedly committed at a teahouse in Kam Tin, New Territories, in the early hours of August 14 last year was recalled when Leung Kau, 25, appeared on trial before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice Gould, in the Criminal Sessions this morning, charged with robbery with aggravation and shooting with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

The charges against accused are that he, with three others, on August 14, 1950, together robbed Li Wai-chi of \$204, a wrist watch, and a suit of Chinese clothing, and robbed Detective Corporal No. 89, Luk Fan, of a wrist watch; and that he, with three others, on the same date shot at Cpl. Luk Fan with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

Mr M. Heenan, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting. Accused is not legally represented.

The Prosecutor told the Jury of four men and three women that the Crown alleged that a robbery took place at the Po Tai Teahouse in Kam Tin, New Territories, in the early hours of August 14 last.

The evidence would be that at about 1.30 a.m. that day a stranger came to the window of this shop, shone a torch inside and awoke a fook who was sleeping under the window, Mr Heenan said. The fook saw that the man was armed. Shortly afterwards the shop assistant saw another man at the window, also armed. He would say that the two men entered the building.

The fook would further say that he and his master were both tied and gagged, after which, the alleged robbers ransacked the premises.

About this time, a detective corporal, No. 89, on a routine patrol of the area, passed the teahouse, and as was his habit, he called out to the fook who slept below the window. Receiving no reply, he became suspicious.

HIT BY BULLET
The evidence of the corporal would be, the Prosecutor said, that he saw two armed men emerge from the teahouse. He shone his torch at them whereupon they approached him and pointed their guns at him. One of them then relieved him of his wrist watch.

As he endeavoured to draw his own firearm, the detective would say that he heard three shots ring out in quick succession, said Mr Heenan. The detective then turned and began to run when he was hit by a bullet and collapsed.

Crown Counsel said that the detective would say that he identified the accused, at an identification parade held some two weeks afterwards, as the man who actually fired the shot at him, and that he was the one who took his wrist watch from him.

The trial is proceeding.

Stabbed Fellow Prisoner

Pleading guilty to a charge of wounding, Cheung Wah, 24, prisoner No. 1242, was given one year by Mr Latimer at Central this morning.

Cheung was alleged to have stabbed a fellow prisoner, Wong, at Stanley Prison during a gang fight on February 14. So received several stab wounds in his back.

Det. Sub-Ins. J. H. Rees said both defendant and the injured man were members of a work-party in Stanley Prison for some time and defendant was serving a five-year term for returning here after being banished for life.

Robert Taylor Divorced

Hollywood, Feb. 21. Miss Barbara Stanwyck ended her 11-year marriage to handsome Robert Taylor in three minutes today, when a judge told her 39-year-old husband to go and live his life.

The judge granted a divorce.—United Press.

HE Visits Kowloon Schools

Tour Of Buildings

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, accompanied by the Director of Education, Mr D. J. S. Crozier, visited the Kowloon Junior School (Government) and the Kowloon Tong Primary School (Private) this morning.

The Governor toured the School buildings and watched the children at their work. He expressed great interest in what he saw.

At Kowloon Junior School, Sir Alexander and Mr Crozier were met and conducted round by the Headmistress, Mrs K. J. Attwell.

This school was opened in 1921 at Gun Club Hill in a building leased from the Military Authorities. It was moved in 1929 to two semi-detached houses in Cox's Path. Enrolment at this time, and until 1940, was usually about 110.

In September 1946 the school was re-opened with 67 pupils in a wing of the Central British School (now King George V School) and remained there until Easter, 1947, when it was transferred to the La Salle College Annex. School numbers increased steadily and stood at 169 in January 1950.

The present building was completed in September 1950. It provides accommodation for seven classes and among its other features are an independent Kindergarten room with its own separate store-room, wash-room and adjoining playing space, an Assembly Hall with dressing rooms attached, and a Handwork Room. Throughout the building the most up-to-date features of school design are incorporated.

Present enrolment is 206.

CARETAKER ASSAULTED

For assaulting a caretaker of Holland House, Lai Kai-chi, 19, tea hawker, was bound over \$50 to be of good behaviour for 12 months by Mr Latimer at Central this morning.

According to Sub-Ins. W. Gillies, the complainant was employed by the Hongkong Land Investment Company, looking after the premises of Holland House. On Monday defendant went into the building to sell tea and was told by complainant to leave the premises. A quarrel started and defendant struck Lai on the forehead with a cup, causing him slight injuries.

KOWLOON DOCKS FIRE

A small fire destroyed some beddings in the single men's quarters at Kowloon Docks shortly after 4 o'clock this morning. Three appliances from Fire Brigade responded to the call but the fire was extinguished by the inmates before their arrival. Only minor damage was reported.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

In February, 1946, and mainly through the efforts of Miss Yip Fat-chau, the school was opened and since then there have been further improvements such as the erection of the Chun Kong Tong and Chau Hing Tong blocks in 1948.

The school is fortunate in having an extensive playing field including a cinder track and the pupils have always shown up very well in physical training. The school is well equipped in physical training apparatus and ample library and visual aid material including a film projector. There are now 847 pupils, boys and girls, including three kindergarten classes and a staff of 32 teachers.

Oil Found In Special Tanks

Two motor junks, which sailed for Macao yesterday were intercepted by Revenue launches off Green Island and a total of 18½ tons of diesel oil were found on board in specially built tanks in the holds of the junks.

Before Mr. Wickes at Kowloon this morning, Lam Yee-yes, 32, master of junk 1097, and Kwok Kam, 30, master of junk 1097, were each fined \$500 for attempting to export the prohibited commodity and for attempting to export unmanifested cargo.

Revenue Inspector L. C. Millington said that both defendants had previous convictions for similar offences.



"After high school I figure on the navy for a few years, then four years of college and four years of medical school, then—by, Eeyah! Where am I going?"